
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SCHLEGEL CULVER AND DRISCOLL, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2020 as "National Primary
2 Immunodeficiency Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, According to the Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF),
4 primary immunodeficiency diseases (PIDDs) are a group of more
5 than 350 rare, chronic disorders in which part of the body's
6 immune system is missing or functions improperly; and

7 WHEREAS, PIDDs are noncontagious diseases caused by genetic
8 or hereditary factors that may affect anyone and may manifest at
9 any age; and

10 WHEREAS, PIDDs may affect the immune system in a variety of
11 ways, but are each the result of defects in an individual's
12 immune system; and

13 WHEREAS, PIDDs leave individuals at greater risk of infection
14 and can make infections more difficult to cure; and

15 WHEREAS, Common symptoms of PIDDs include frequent and longer
16 lasting infections as well as opportunistic infections, which an

1 individual with a healthy immune system is unlikely to contract;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Proper medical treatment of PIDDs enables many
4 individuals with immune deficiencies to live full and
5 independent lives; and

6 WHEREAS, Treatment of PIDDs includes prevention and treatment
7 of infections, treatment to improve the functioning of the
8 immune system and treatment of the underlying cause of immune
9 system deficiencies; and

10 WHEREAS, The IDF was founded in 1980 in order to improve "the
11 diagnosis, treatment, and quality of life of people affected by
12 primary immunodeficiency through fostering a community empowered
13 by advocacy, education, and research"; and

14 WHEREAS, The IDF has designated the month of April as
15 "National Primary Immunodeficiency Awareness Month" in order to
16 raise awareness about primary immunodeficiency disease and
17 facilitate earlier diagnosis and improved treatment outcomes for
18 individuals with such diseases; and

19 WHEREAS, It is important to spread awareness of PIDDs in
20 order to improve the quality of life for individuals suffering
21 with immune deficiencies in this Commonwealth and throughout the
22 United States; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
24 month of April 2020 as "National Primary Immunodeficiency
25 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.