
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BARRAR, BURNS, HENNESSEY, LONGIETTI, MEHAFFIE,
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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of August 2020 as "Gastroparesis Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania to improve our understanding and
3 awareness of this condition and encourage preventive
4 strategies.

5 WHEREAS, Gastroparesis is a chronic medical condition in
6 which the stomach cannot empty properly in the absence of any
7 observable blockage; and

8 WHEREAS, Gastroparesis can affect individuals of all ages,
9 but is four times more likely in women than men; and

10 WHEREAS, The symptoms of gastroparesis, which include nausea,
11 vomiting and inability to finish a normal-sized meal, can be
12 debilitating and sometimes life-threatening; and

13 WHEREAS, The condition can lead to malnutrition, severe
14 dehydration and difficulty managing blood glucose levels; and

15 WHEREAS, While there is no cure for gastroparesis, some
16 treatments, such as dietary measures, medications, procedures to
17 maintain nutrition and surgery, can help reduce symptoms; and

18 WHEREAS, Unfortunately, gastroparesis is a poorly understood

1 condition and as a result, patients often suffer from delayed
2 diagnosis, treatment and management of this disorder; and

3 WHEREAS, Further research and education are needed to improve
4 quality of life for this patient population; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
6 month of August 2020 as "Gastroparesis Awareness Month" in
7 Pennsylvania to improve our understanding and awareness of this
8 condition and encourage preventive strategies; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, in raising
10 awareness, hope to build a greater understanding of
11 gastroparesis and the struggles faced by individuals with the
12 condition.