
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY REGAN, PHILLIPS-HILL, DINNIMAN, J. WARD,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2019 as "Sudden Cardiac Arrest
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
4 reports that heart disease is the leading cause of death in the
5 United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Sudden cardiac arrest is the largest cause of
7 natural death in the United States, responsible for half of all
8 heart disease deaths; and

9 WHEREAS, Sudden cardiac arrest is the number one killer of
10 student athletes and is the leading cause of death on school
11 campuses; and

12 WHEREAS, Every hour of every day a student dies from sudden
13 cardiac arrest, and the survival rate for sudden cardiac arrest
14 is less than 10%; and

15 WHEREAS, The administration of bystander CPR and the use of
16 an automated external defibrillator can significantly increase
17 survival rates of sudden cardiac arrest; and

1 WHEREAS, Standard physicals and sports physicals do not
2 include a routine heart screening using an electrocardiogram
3 test that can identify underlying heart issues that could lead
4 to sudden cardiac arrest; and

5 WHEREAS, There is a need for comprehensive educational
6 efforts designed to increase awareness of sudden cardiac arrest
7 among medical professionals and the greater public; and

8 WHEREAS, The establishment of "Sudden Cardiac Awareness
9 Month" provides the opportunity to raise awareness about sudden
10 cardiac arrest and promote early detection through heart
11 screenings, proper treatment and prompt response that can save
12 the life of someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest;
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2019
15 as "Sudden Cardiac Arrest Month" in Pennsylvania.