
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY HANBIDGE, HILL-EVANS, CONKLIN, M. JONES, T. DAVIS,
KHAN, GIRAL, HOWARD, VENKAT, SANCHEZ, FREEMAN, MADDEN AND
KINSEY, JUNE 11, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 11, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 14, 2024, as "World Blood Donor Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, A blood donor is any individual who is in good
4 health, at least 16 years of age, weighs a minimum of 110 pounds
5 and elects to donate blood; and

6 WHEREAS, Blood donation can be made once every 56 days and as
7 many as six times a year by a blood donor; and

8 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has five major blood donation centers,
9 including the American Red Cross Greater Pennsylvania Region,
10 Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank, Community Blood Bank of
11 Northwest PA and Western NY, Miller-Keystone Blood Center and
12 Vitalant Blood Center; and

13 WHEREAS, Every two seconds there is someone in the United
14 States in need of blood or platelets; and

15 WHEREAS, The only way to improve the supply of blood and
16 platelets is through volunteer blood and platelet donors; and

17 WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society, more than

1 1.9 million people were projected to be diagnosed with cancer in
2 2023, and many of these individuals will need blood transfusions
3 over the course of cancer treatment; and

4 WHEREAS, O type blood is the blood type most in demand
5 amongst hospitals; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 45% of individuals across the United
7 States have O type blood; and

8 WHEREAS, Percentages of O type blood are higher for Latino
9 and African Americans at 57% and 51% respectively; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the American Red Cross, only 3% of
11 people of eligible age donate blood each year; and

12 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization recognizes June 14
13 each year as "World Blood Donor Day" to increase awareness about
14 the need for blood donation; and

15 WHEREAS, It is vitally important for all Pennsylvanians to be
16 aware of the need for more blood donors across this
17 Commonwealth; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize June
19 14, 2024, as "World Blood Donor Day" in Pennsylvania.