

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

RESOLUTION

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As Committed-Amended	
Recommendation	

By Hon. _____	

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 15, 2014, as "Angelman Syndrome Awareness
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Angelman Syndrome is a neurological disorder that
4 occurs in one in 15,000 live births; and

5 WHEREAS, Fifty percent of individuals with Angelman Syndrome
6 are originally misdiagnosed, often as having cerebral palsy or
7 autism; and

8 WHEREAS, Angelman Syndrome is characterized by severe
9 intellectual and developmental disabilities, speech limitations,
10 motor difficulties, seizures, jerky movements (especially hand-
11 flapping), sleep disturbances, frequent laughter or smiling and
12 usually a happy demeanor; and

13 WHEREAS, Individuals with Angelman Syndrome can have a normal
14 life span and generally do not show developmental regression as
15 they age; and

16 WHEREAS, Late or misdiagnoses may cause individuals to lose

1 opportunities for early intervention programs, resources,
2 personalized support and lifesaving treatments; and

3 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and tailored interventions and
4 therapies help improve quality of life for individuals with
5 Angelman Syndrome; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
7 February 15, 2014, as "Angelman Syndrome Awareness Day" in
8 Pennsylvania.