

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2018 as "Necrotizing Fasciitis
2 Awareness Month" and May 31, 2018, as "Necrotizing Fasciitis
3 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Necrotizing fasciitis is an uncommon clinical
5 disease that leads to the degradation of skin tissue and is
6 commonly referred to as a flesh-eating bacteria or infection;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Necrotizing fasciitis was first defined within the
9 medical community in 1883 by Jean Alfred Fournier and was
10 described as a disease of unknown causes; and

11 WHEREAS, Necrotizing fasciitis is a serious infection that
12 may be caused by more than one type of bacteria, including Group
13 A Streptococcus and Staphylococcus aureus, as well as bacteria
14 naturally found in the intestines of healthy individuals; and

15 WHEREAS, Necrotizing fasciitis can occur in any age group,
16 but it is most commonly associated with surgical procedures; and

17 WHEREAS, Necrotizing fasciitis may also be seen in people
18 with diabetes mellitus, atherosclerotic vascular disease,

1 malignancy and hypertension; and

2 WHEREAS, In rare occasions, necrotizing fasciitis may occur
3 following minor injuries to the skin caused by falls or cuts and
4 has been known to occur in healthy individuals; and

5 WHEREAS, Necrotizing fasciitis can affect any part of the
6 body but most commonly involves the abdomen, arms, legs,
7 extremities and face, particularly around the eyes; and

8 WHEREAS, While progress has been made in understanding the
9 symptoms of necrotizing fasciitis and better diagnosing this
10 disease, there is still much to learn about necrotizing
11 fasciitis; and

12 WHEREAS, With increased research, the goals of discovering
13 the cause of the disease, improving treatment and finding a cure
14 are attainable; and

15 WHEREAS, It is of vital importance to raise public awareness
16 of necrotizing fasciitis to help promote early diagnosis, proper
17 management and treatment; and

18 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives desires to acknowledge
19 and honor both the survivors of necrotizing fasciitis as well as
20 those who have lost their battle to this disease; therefore be
21 it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
23 month of May 2018 as "Necrotizing Fasciitis Awareness Month" and
24 May 31, 2018, as "Necrotizing Fasciitis Awareness Day" in
25 Pennsylvania.