

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 30, 2019, as "NICU Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Every year, more than 500,000 newborn babies are
4 admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit, also known as the
5 NICU; and

6 WHEREAS, The NICU is for babies who need intensive medical
7 care for complications related to preterm delivery, low birth
8 weight and health conditions that require special care; and

9 WHEREAS, NICUs have the advanced technology and trained
10 health care professionals needed to care for the smallest and
11 most fragile patients; and

12 WHEREAS, These highly specialized units treat newborns for a
13 variety of complications, including birth anomalies, brain
14 injury, cardiac conditions, infection, jaundice, neonatal
15 abstinence syndrome and respiratory distress; and

16 WHEREAS, NICU babies often experience complications that
17 persist beyond their stay in the hospital and may require

1 assistance with health and special needs throughout their
2 lifetimes; and

3 WHEREAS, Advances in neonatal medicine have allowed more
4 infants to benefit from the specialized care offered by NICUs;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Funding for research into the causes of a NICU stay
7 and the holistic care of NICU families continues to be vital;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Many families of NICU babies struggle to find the
10 education, resources and support they need; and

11 WHEREAS, "NICU Awareness Day" provides an opportunity for
12 families whose lives have been affected by the NICU to share
13 their story, engage with the larger NICU community and honor the
14 dedicated health professionals who continue to advance the
15 important work of these units; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
17 September 30, 2019, as "NICU Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.