
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2016 as "Lewy Body Dementia
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Lewy body dementia (LBD) is a chronic, progressive,
4 neurological disorder affecting thinking, movement, behavior and
5 sleep; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 1.4 million Americans are affected by LBD,
7 making it the second most common form of progressive dementia,
8 second only to Alzheimer's disease in prevalence; and

9 WHEREAS, The most common symptoms of LBD include problems
10 with memory and thinking, hallucinations, unpredictable changes
11 in concentration and attention, a sleep disorder causing people
12 to seemingly act out their dreams and Parkinson-like symptoms,
13 such as muscle rigidity or stiffness, a shuffling gait, tremors
14 or slowness of movement; and

15 WHEREAS, Ignorance of this disease is widespread even among
16 health care professionals, making LBD the most commonly
17 misdiagnosed form of dementia; and

18 WHEREAS, Early and accurate diagnosis of LBD is essential

1 because some medications prescribed regularly for Alzheimer's or
2 Parkinson's disease can have serious negative effects on people
3 with LBD; and

4 WHEREAS, There is currently no cure, therapy or drug to slow
5 or halt the progression of LBD; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2016
7 as "Lewy Body Dementia Awareness Month"; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the importance of
9 increasing public awareness of this disease and its early and
10 accurate diagnosis.