THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 253 Session of 1999

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 4, 1999

A RESOLUTION

1 2	Declaring the week of October 3 through 9, 1999, as "Mental Illness Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.
3	WHEREAS, Serious mental illnesses are biological brain
4	disorders that are definable and treatable; and
5	WHEREAS, More than one million people throughout this
6	Commonwealth are affected by a form of mental illness, such as
7	schizophrenia, manic depression, clinical depression, panic
8	disorder and obsessive compulsive disorder; and
9	WHEREAS, With treatment, success rates for severe and
10	persistent mental illnesses range between 60% and 80% better

1 than the treatment success rates for many physiological

2 illnesses; and

3 WHEREAS, Many individuals with mental illness are capable of 4 working, attending college and making important contributions to 5 their communities and this Commonwealth; therefore be it 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare the week 7 of October 3 through 9, 1999, as "Mental Illness Awareness Week" 8 in Pennsylvania.