

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 4, 2000

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 12, 2000, as "Chronic Fatigue and Immune  
2 Dysfunction Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Chronic fatigue and immune dysfunction syndrome  
4 (CFIDS), also known as chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), is a  
5 complex illness which affects many different body systems and is  
6 characterized by neurological, rheumatological and immunological  
7 problems, incapacitating fatigue and numerous other symptoms;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, CFIDS can be severely debilitating and can last for  
10 many years with no visible symptoms, making it difficult for  
11 others to understand; and

12 WHEREAS, Over 800,000 American men, women and children of all  
13 races and socioeconomic classes have CFIDS; and

1 WHEREAS, CFIDS is often misdiagnosed because it is frequently  
2 unrecognized and can resemble other disorders; and

3 WHEREAS, Persons with this syndrome often experience symptoms  
4 of sufficient severity to deprive them of the opportunity for  
5 gainful employment; and

6 WHEREAS, It is imperative that education and training of  
7 health professionals regarding CFIDS be expanded and that there  
8 be greater public awareness of this serious health problem; and

9 WHEREAS, While there has been increased activity at the  
10 national, State and local levels and at other private research  
11 institutions, more must be done to support patients and their  
12 families; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 12,  
14 2000, as "Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Day" in  
15 Pennsylvania.