
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging appropriate antibiotic use.

2 WHEREAS, The health and welfare of the people of this
3 Commonwealth benefit by our ability to treat infectious diseases
4 with antibiotics; and

5 WHEREAS, Bacterial resistance to antibiotics has been
6 increasing, particularly in children; and

7 WHEREAS, Children represent a population of particular
8 concern since they have the highest rates of antibiotic use and
9 infections with antibiotic-resistant pathogens; and

10 WHEREAS, The increased use of antibiotic drugs has coincided
11 with the emergence of antibiotic-resistant pathogens, an
12 important clinical and public health problem in this
13 Commonwealth and worldwide; and

14 WHEREAS, Responsible antibiotic use which maximizes
15 therapeutic impact while minimizing toxicity and the development
16 of resistance has been broadly promoted by public health and

1 professional organizations; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
3 Secretary of Health of the Commonwealth to encourage prescribers
4 of prescription drugs in Pennsylvania to use caution and avoid
5 inappropriate use of antibiotics to save antibiotic strength;
6 and be further

7 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
8 Robert S. Zimmerman, Jr., Secretary of Health, 802 Health and
9 Welfare Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.