## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 47 Session of 2001

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## A RESOLUTION

Designating the week of April 1 through 7, 2001, as "Lupus Alert 1 2 Week" in Pennsylvania. 3 WHEREAS, Lupus is a potentially fatal autoimmune disease that affects approximately 1.4 million Americans, mostly women, with 4 the highest prevalence among young women of color; and 5 6 WHEREAS, Few people understand the seriousness of this 7 confusing and potentially fatal disease or are fully aware of 8 the symptoms of lupus; and 9 WHEREAS, Lupus is a disease that can fool everyone, including 10 victims of the disease, members of their families, doctors and 11 research scientists; and 12 WHEREAS, Increased public awareness will result in earlier 13 diagnosis and the commencement of lifesaving treatment; 14 therefore be it 15 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all citizens to become 16 involved in the search for a cause and cure for this chronic and 17 debilitating disease by helping the Lupus Foundation of America

support important programs of medical research, education, awareness, patient services and advocacy; and be it further RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of April 1 through 7, 2001, as "Lupus Alert Week" in Pennsylvania and urge all citizens to contact the Lupus Foundation of America to learn more about this widespread, devastating and discriminating disease.