
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 867 Session of
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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 4, 2004

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 12 through 20, 2004, as "Bone
2 and Joint Decade National Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has declared its support for the
4 United States Bone and Joint Decade, 2002 through 2011, and the
5 International Bone and Joint Decade; and

6 WHEREAS, Musculoskeletal disorders such as arthritis, back
7 pain, childhood musculoskeletal conditions, osteoporosis and
8 major limb trauma pose a significant and increasing burden on
9 American citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, Patients with musculoskeletal disorders, health care
11 professionals, including orthopedic surgeons, rheumatologists
12 and physical therapists, and medical and patient health
13 associations are working together to advance the understanding

1 and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders through prevention,
2 education and research; and

3 WHEREAS, Musculoskeletal disorders affect the occupational
4 and social lives of hundreds of thousands of people throughout
5 this Commonwealth and nearly one in every seven Americans,
6 costing billions of dollars in treatment and productivity loss;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Disease and injury prevention, education and
9 research promote musculoskeletal health and improve the quality
10 of life for individuals with bone and joint disorders; therefore
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
13 week of October 12 through 20, 2004, as "Bone and Joint Decade
14 National Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge communities
16 and residents of this Commonwealth to organize activities
17 promoting awareness of musculoskeletal conditions and disease
18 and injury prevention.