
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 14, 2006, as "Congenital Heart Defect
2 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each year 35,000 infants are born in the United
4 States with a congenital heart defect (CHD); and

5 WHEREAS, These heart defects, which range from minor septal
6 defects to malformed heart ventricles, have been identified by
7 the medical community as the most common birth defect; and

8 WHEREAS, CHDs are the leading cause of all birth defect-
9 related deaths; and

10 WHEREAS, Estimates suggest that nearly 1 million Americans
11 are currently living with a CHD; and

12 WHEREAS, Despite major medical advancements in early
13 detection and treatment, thousands of infants, children and
14 adults still die annually from undiagnosed heart defects; and

15 WHEREAS, It is crucial that parents and all Pennsylvanians,
16 not just affected families, be aware of CHD and its symptoms;

1 therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate February 14, 2006, as

3 "Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.