
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2007

INTRODUCED BY MANN, BAKER, BEAR, BELFANTI, BEYER, BIANCUCCI, BISHOP, BOBACK, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CLYMER, COHEN, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, DALEY, DeLUCA, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, FLECK, FRANKEL, GALLOWAY, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GRUCELA, HARKINS, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, KILLION, KULA, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANTZ, MARKOSEK, McILHATTAN, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MILNE, MOYER, MUNDY, MUSTIO, MYERS, M. O'BRIEN, PARKER, PASHINSKI, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, RAMALEY, RAPP, READSHAW, REED, REICHLEY, ROHRER, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SHIMKUS, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, SWANGER, THOMAS, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, WOJNAROSKI AND YOUNGBLOOD, OCTOBER 22, 2007

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 22, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2007 as "Pulmonary
2 Hypertension Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The health of our citizens is the foundation of a
4 caring and productive society; and

5 WHEREAS, Our future rests with our ability to find treatment
6 and cures for a variety of illnesses, including pulmonary
7 hypertension; and

8 WHEREAS, Pulmonary hypertension is a rare blood vessel
9 disorder that causes high blood pressure levels in the arteries
10 between the lungs and the heart; and

11 WHEREAS, Pulmonary hypertension causes pulmonary arteries to
12 tighten up, constricting the flow of blood to the lungs and

1 making the heart pump harder, which leads to an enlarged heart;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Because of the low survival rate, pulmonary
4 hypertension has historically been referred to as a fatal
5 disease, but early diagnosis can lead to early treatment and the
6 possibility of improved quality and length of life; and

7 WHEREAS, Pulmonary hypertension is frequently misdiagnosed
8 because of its symptomatic similarities to a minor pulmonary or
9 cardiovascular condition; and

10 WHEREAS, Recent research indicates that the length of
11 survival is continuing to improve, with some patients able to
12 manage the disease 15 to 20 years or longer; and

13 WHEREAS, With increased funding and more research, there can
14 be a better life expectancy for those individuals living with
15 pulmonary hypertension; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pulmonary Hypertension Association is dedicated
17 to improving the quality of life for persons with this disease,
18 raising awareness in the medical community of the need for early
19 diagnosis and educating the general public; and

20 WHEREAS, Residents of this Commonwealth and the medical
21 community can work together to spread awareness about pulmonary
22 hypertension and to ensure that research and improved treatments
23 are in place; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
25 month of November 2007 as "Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness
26 Month" in Pennsylvania and urge the residents of this
27 Commonwealth to learn more about pulmonary hypertension and
28 recognize the seriousness of this disease and the meritorious
29 work of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association to find a cure;
30 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
2 the Pulmonary Hypertension Association, 801 Roeder Road, Suite
3 400, Silver Spring, MD 20910.