

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 496 Session of 2011

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 AND DENLINGER, NOVEMBER 1, 2011

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
 NOVEMBER 1, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 2011 as "Alzheimer's Disease Awareness  
 2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative brain  
 4 disorder; and

5 WHEREAS, This degenerative brain disorder destroys cells and  
 6 nerves, disrupting the transmitters which carry messages in the  
 7 brain; and

8 WHEREAS, Disruption of the transmitters affects a person's  
 9 ability to remember, speak, think and make decisions; and

10 WHEREAS, Every 70 seconds in the United States another person  
 11 is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease; and

12 WHEREAS, It is estimated that 5.3 million Americans now have

1 the disease; and

2 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Public Policy Coalition of the  
3 Alzheimer's Association (PPPCAA) estimates as many as 400,000  
4 Pennsylvanians have Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Seventy percent of Alzheimer's disease care is  
7 provided by friends or family members; and

8 WHEREAS, According to PPPCAA, more than one million  
9 Pennsylvanians are ultimately affected by Alzheimer's disease  
10 and related dementias through affliction or acting as a  
11 caregiver; and

12 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease-related costs to Medicare,  
13 Medicaid and businesses in this Commonwealth exceed \$6 billion  
14 annually; and

15 WHEREAS, The tragic personal toll and associated financial  
16 costs of Alzheimer's disease are expected to increase as the  
17 average age of this Commonwealth's population continues to rise;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Despite the painstaking efforts of researchers,  
20 medical science has not found a treatment or cure for  
21 Alzheimer's disease; and

22 WHEREAS, Finding a treatment to delay the onset of  
23 Alzheimer's disease by five years could reduce the number of  
24 individuals with the disease by nearly 50%; and

25 WHEREAS, Continued Alzheimer's disease awareness and  
26 caregiver support are critical as the medical community  
27 continues to search for a treatment and cure for the disease;  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Association has designated November 2011  
30 as "National Alzheimer's Month"; therefore be it

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
2 November 2011 as "Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month" in  
3 Pennsylvania to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease in this  
4 Commonwealth.