
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 646 Session of
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MAJOR, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MOUL, MURT, O'NEILL, READSHAW,
ROCK, ROSS, CULVER, SONNEY, VEREB AND VULAKOVICH,
MARCH 29, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH
29, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Observing the month of May 2012 as "Preeclampsia Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Preeclampsia is a dangerous condition of pregnancy
4 that can, in its severest form, lead to maternal mortality,
5 infant mortality or premature birth with significant health
6 risks for the mother and baby; and

7 WHEREAS, As many as 320,000 cases of preeclampsia are
8 diagnosed in the United States every year with 25% of the cases
9 classified as severe; and

10 WHEREAS, Every six minutes in the United States, a pregnant
11 woman and her baby face life-threatening consequences because of
12 preeclampsia; and

13 WHEREAS, Preeclampsia causes approximately 18% of all
14 maternal deaths in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, The signs and symptoms of preeclampsia are spikes in

1 maternal blood pressure; sudden swelling of feet, face and
2 hands; severe upper abdominal pain; and blurred vision; and

3 WHEREAS, Public education of the signs and symptoms of
4 preeclampsia can help women recognize the condition and seek
5 appropriate medical care; and

6 WHEREAS, Many citizens of this Commonwealth have joined with
7 the Preeclampsia Foundation to raise public awareness in order
8 to minimize maternal and infant illness and death due to
9 preeclampsia; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives observe the month
11 of May 2012 as "Preeclampsia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.