

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 698 Session of 2012

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 30, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2012 as "Arthritis Awareness Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Arthritis refers to more than 100 different diseases
4 that cause pain, swelling and limited movement in joints and
5 connective tissue throughout the body, the most prevalent forms
6 of which are osteoarthritis, fibromyalgia and rheumatoid
7 arthritis; and

8 WHEREAS, Nearly 46 million Americans, representing one in
9 five adults, have arthritis and nearly two-thirds of those
10 people are women; and

11 WHEREAS, Arthritis is one of the most common chronic health
12 problems and the number one cause of limitation in movement in

1 the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, Arthritis costs the United States economy \$86.2
3 billion per year in medical care and lost wages; and

4 WHEREAS, The specific causes of arthritis are not yet known
5 for most forms of the disease, but there are many things that
6 can be done to reduce the impact of arthritis on everyday life;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The key to reducing the impact of arthritis is early
9 diagnosis and a treatment plan tailored to the needs of each
10 individual; and

11 WHEREAS, Most treatment programs include a combination of
12 medication, exercise, rest, use of heat and cold, joint
13 protection techniques and sometimes surgery; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May
15 2012 as "Arthritis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and urge
16 residents of this Commonwealth to be aware of the seriousness of
17 this disease and to seek appropriate treatment to minimize its
18 impact on their lives.