
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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ROEBUCK, GIBBONS AND BISHOP, APRIL 15, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 15, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 7, 2013, as "World Asthma Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, "World Asthma Day" will take place on May 7, 2013;

3 and

4 WHEREAS, "World Asthma Day" is organized by the Global
5 Initiative for Asthma (GINA) in collaboration with the
6 Pennsylvania Asthma Partnership to raise awareness about asthma
7 and improve asthma care throughout the world; and

8 WHEREAS, Each year GINA chooses a theme and organizes
9 preparation and distribution of "World Asthma Day" materials and
10 resources; and

11 WHEREAS, "World Asthma Day" activities are organized in each
12 country by health care professionals, educators and members of
13 the public who want to help reduce the burden of asthma; and

14 WHEREAS, The first "World Asthma Day" in 1998 was celebrated

1 in more than 35 countries in conjunction with the first world
2 asthma meeting held in Barcelona, Spain; and

3 WHEREAS, Participation has increased with each "World Asthma
4 Day" held since then, and the day has become one of the world's
5 most important asthma awareness and education events; and

6 WHEREAS, Many Americans are afflicted with asthma, a serious
7 chronic lung disease, caused by continual airway inflammation
8 punctuated by episodes or attacks of increased inflammation
9 often in response to specific triggers; and

10 WHEREAS, These attacks, characterized by difficulty in
11 breathing, occasionally are extreme and constitute a medical
12 emergency; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the past two decades, the burden of asthma in
14 the United States has greatly increased; and

15 WHEREAS, More recent data about asthma-related
16 hospitalizations and mortality appear to indicate that asthma
17 prevalence has stabilized and improved levels of disease
18 management have helped to mitigate asthma's effects; therefore
19 be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 7,
21 2013, as "World Asthma Day" in Pennsylvania.