
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1055 Session of
2014

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GINGRICH, DENLINGER, GROVE AND GILLEN, OCTOBER 3, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 3, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2014 as "Dwarfism Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Dwarfism is a rare medical condition, with an
4 estimated 30,000 people in the United States and more than
5 650,000 people worldwide having some type of dwarfism; and

6 WHEREAS, Dwarfism affects bone growth but generally does not
7 affect cognitive abilities; and

8 WHEREAS, Dwarfism is a recognized condition under the
9 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336, 104
10 Stat. 327); and

11 WHEREAS, While the medical prognosis for persons with
12 dwarfism is highly individualized, the majority of persons with
13 dwarfism enjoy normal intelligence, normal life spans and
14 reasonably good health; and

15 WHEREAS, Other persons with dwarfism will require surgeries
16 or other medical interventions to address complications and

1 maximize mobility; and

2 WHEREAS, The preferred terminology for persons with dwarfism
3 includes "persons of short stature," "persons having dwarfism"
4 or "little persons"; and

5 WHEREAS, "Midget," an antiquated term, may offend persons
6 with dwarfism; and

7 WHEREAS, Persons with dwarfism can turn to support
8 organizations, such as the Little People of America, Inc., (LPA)
9 for guidance on parenting, adoption, education, medical
10 consultation, physical fitness, peer support, community outreach
11 and advocacy; and

12 WHEREAS, The oldest and largest support organization for
13 persons with dwarfism in the United States, LPA is dedicated to
14 improving the quality of life for people with dwarfism, while
15 celebrating with great pride their contributions to social
16 diversity; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
18 month of October 2014 as "Dwarfism Awareness Month" in
19 Pennsylvania.