
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 4, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2015 as "Krabbe Disease Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Globoid cell leukodystrophy, commonly known as
4 Krabbe disease, is an inherited degenerative disorder of the
5 central and peripheral nervous systems; and

6 WHEREAS, Krabbe disease is one of a group of genetic
7 disorders known as leukodystrophies; and

8 WHEREAS, Krabbe disease most often affects infants, with
9 early infantile onset occurring in the first months of life; and

10 WHEREAS, Late-onset Krabbe disease occurs in older children,
11 adolescents or adults; and

12 WHEREAS, Krabbe disease is characterized by irritability,
13 unexplained fever, limb stiffness, seizures, feeding
14 difficulties, vomiting, slowing of mental and motor development,
15 muscle weakness, spasticity, deafness and blindness; and

1 WHEREAS, Symptoms may vary from person to person; and

2 WHEREAS, While no cure exists for Krabbe disease, detecting
3 it early and beginning treatment before the appearance of overt
4 symptoms enables families to access appropriate additional
5 testing and supportive care; and

6 WHEREAS, Act 148 of 2014 requires hospitals in this
7 Commonwealth to screen newborns for Krabbe disease and five
8 other lysosomal storage disorders; and

9 WHEREAS, Newborn screening leads to early diagnosis and early
10 intervention for at-risk infants; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
12 month of April 2015 as "Krabbe Disease Awareness Month" in
13 Pennsylvania; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Commonwealth officially recognize the
15 importance of screening for Krabbe disease to ensure access to
16 proactive care and early intervention therapies.