
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 727 Session of
2015

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MARCH 14, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 14, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 29, 2016, as "Rare Disease Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Nearly one in ten people living in this Commonwealth
4 has a rare disease and, according to the National Health
5 Institute, nearly 30 million Americans have rare diseases; and

6 WHEREAS, A disease is considered rare if it affects fewer
7 than 200,000 Americans; and

8 WHEREAS, There are nearly 7,000 such diseases; and

9 WHEREAS, Rare diseases tend to be lifelong and approximately
10 two-thirds of those affected are children; and

11 WHEREAS, "Rare Disease Day" is observed nationwide by
12 millions across the country and by the National Organization for
13 Rare Disorders to promote special awareness of rare diseases;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Special events and activities are planned in

1 schools, hospitals, universities and medical schools along with
2 the sharing of stories by those affected by a rare disease;
3 therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
5 February 29, 2016, as "Rare Disease Day" in Pennsylvania in
6 order to let our citizens living with rare diseases know that,
7 while their diseases are rare, they are not alone.