
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY RAPP, BRIGGS, READSHAW, MILLARD, TOOHL, BENNINGHOFF, DONATUCCI, WARD, SONNEY, DUSH, BAKER, HENNESSEY, WATSON, DIGIROLAMO, HARHART, KIRKLAND, THOMAS, YOUNGBLOOD, COHEN, COOK-ARTIS, LONGIETTI, ROSS, PICKETT, MURT, WHEELAND, CALTAGIRONE, KINSEY, EVERETT, CAUSER, PHILLIPS-HILL, MILNE, O'NEILL, GOODMAN AND D. COSTA, MAY 17, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 17, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 14, 2016, as "Apraxia Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) is a motor speech
4 disorder where children have problems making speech sounds
5 because the brain has difficulty planning the motor and muscle
6 movements needed for speech; and

7 WHEREAS, While the cause of CAS is not well understood, it is
8 a neurological disorder without any apparent brain injury and
9 most children seem to be born with CAS; and

10 WHEREAS, Children with CAS do not follow typical patterns of
11 developing sounds and speech; and

12 WHEREAS, When CAS is most severe, children struggle to make
13 sounds and children with a moderate or milder form struggle with
14 syllables and words; and

15 WHEREAS, While the frequency of CAS is not well understood,

1 the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association reports that
2 the number of children diagnosed with CAS is on the rise; and

3 WHEREAS, Certified speech-language pathologists with
4 knowledge and experience with CAS conduct an assessment of a
5 child's oral-motor abilities, melody of speech and speech sound
6 development in order to diagnose CAS; and

7 WHEREAS, Treatment includes speech therapy and can include
8 sign language and an augmentative communication system; and

9 WHEREAS, Research shows children with CAS have more success
10 when they receive frequent and intensive treatment; therefore be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 14,
13 2016, as "Apraxia Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage
14 all residents to work within their communities to increase
15 awareness and understanding of Childhood Apraxia of Speech.