
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 2, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2016 as "Pulmonary Fibrosis
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pulmonary fibrosis is a disease marked by
4 progressive scarring of tissue inside and between air sacs in a
5 patient's lungs; and

6 WHEREAS, The development of this scarring causes the air sacs
7 to stiffen and thicken, which lowers oxygen levels and gradually
8 interferes with an individual's ability to breathe; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition to breathlessness, patients typically
10 experience dry cough, fatigue and chest discomfort; and

11 WHEREAS, The American Lung Association reports that this
12 disease affects approximately 140,000 people in the United
13 States; and

14 WHEREAS, The American Lung Association also reports that
15 pulmonary fibrosis is most likely to affect people who are 50 to

1 75 years of age, with most people surviving only 3 to 5 years
2 after diagnosis; and

3 WHEREAS, Experts point to a number of potential causes,
4 including genetics, exposure to airborne toxins and radiation
5 treatment, as well as medications used to treat cancer, heart
6 disease and bacterial infections; and

7 WHEREAS, While there is no known cure for pulmonary fibrosis,
8 a variety of treatment options exist, including supplemental
9 oxygen, pulmonary rehabilitation, lung transplantation,
10 medication and exercise; and

11 WHEREAS, Ambassadors and advocates of this disease have
12 designated September as "Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month" in
13 an effort to raise awareness, stress the importance of disease
14 education, enhance patient support and increase research
15 funding; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
17 month of September 2016 as "Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month"
18 in Pennsylvania and join in the fight to find a cure for the
19 disease.