
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2016 as "Krabbe Disease
2 Awareness 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 called the leukodystrophies; and

8 WHEREAS, The disease most often affects infants, with onset
9 before six months of age, but can occur in adolescence or
10 adulthood; and

11 WHEREAS, Symptoms include irritability, unexplained fever,
12 limb stiffness, seizures, feeding difficulties, vomiting and
13 slowing of mental and motor development, muscle weakness,
14 spasticity, deafness and blindness; and

15 WHEREAS, There is no cure for Krabbe disease but treatment

1 has been successful when it has begun before the appearance of
2 overt symptoms and when the disease has been diagnosed early;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Act 148 of 2014 requires hospitals in this
5 Commonwealth to screen newborns for Krabbe disease and five
6 other Lysosomal Storage Disorders; and

7 WHEREAS, It is imperative that parents understand the
8 importance of screening for and detecting Krabbe disease early;
9 therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
11 month of September 2016 as "Krabbe Disease Awareness Month" in
12 Pennsylvania; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Commonwealth officially recognize the
14 importance of screening for this disease, and encourage parents
15 and future parents to educate themselves on this disease, and
16 take the necessary steps to ensure the health of their children.