
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of February 22 through 28, 2015, as
2 "Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Awareness Week" in
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The word AED is an acronym for the automated
5 external defibrillator; and

6 WHEREAS, AEDs are portable medical devices that use
7 electrodes to automatically analyze and detect cardiac
8 arrhythmia in patients who experience sudden cardiac arrest; and

9 WHEREAS, AEDs are able to produce a shock which stops the
10 heart and allows it to return to a normal rhythm, a process
11 called defibrillation; and

12 WHEREAS, AEDs are used in the event of a sudden cardiac
13 arrest, which is a condition in which the heart suddenly stops
14 pumping blood and quivers erratically; and

15 WHEREAS, About 360,000 cases of sudden cardiac arrest occur
16 yearly, typically without any warning signs; and

17 WHEREAS, A person currently has about a 5% chance of

1 surviving an incident of cardiac arrest, which decreases 7% to
2 10% with every minute that passes after a person's heart stops
3 beating; and

4 WHEREAS, Optimal AED placement allows a person to grab the
5 AED and return to the victim within 90 seconds; and

6 WHEREAS, Given that a person's chances of surviving a sudden
7 cardiac arrest decrease so rapidly, it is important that AEDs
8 are readily available; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of February 22
10 through 28, 2015, as "Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
11 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.