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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2016 as "Fibromuscular Dysplasia  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Fibromuscular dysplasia (FMD) is a disease that  
4 causes abnormal cell growth of the arterial wall and can lead to  
5 areas of narrowing, beading, aneurysms and tearing of areas of  
6 the arterial wall; and

7 WHEREAS, FMD is usually only detected by accident or as a  
8 result of a serious incident because its symptoms, including  
9 hypertension, headaches and dizziness, affect much of the  
10 general population; and

11 WHEREAS, There has been little progress in understanding the  
12 disease since it was first diagnosed in 1938; and

13 WHEREAS, There is no known cause or cure for the disease, and  
14 there are no set protocols for its treatment; and

15 WHEREAS, FMD is classified as a rare disease, though many  
16 researchers believe it is underdiagnosed; and

17 WHEREAS, Women between 20 and 60 years of age comprise 90% of

1 patients diagnosed with FMD; and

2 WHEREAS, Individuals and families affected by FMD often  
3 experience isolation, difficulty in obtaining accurate and  
4 timely diagnosis and less than optimal treatment options, and  
5 often they must educate their own physicians about the disease;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Fibromuscular Dysplasia Society of America  
8 (FMDSA) was founded in March 2003 and over the past 13 years has  
9 been active and successful in raising public and physician  
10 awareness of the disease, increasing patient support and working  
11 with researchers around the world; and

12 WHEREAS, FMDSA is also funding the United States Registry for  
13 Fibromuscular Dysplasia; and

14 WHEREAS, FMDSA is organizing a global observance of FMD to  
15 have patients, medical professionals and researchers join  
16 together to focus attention on FMD as a public health issue;  
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of March 2016  
19 as "Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.