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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JANUARY 23, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of January 2017 as "Glaucoma Awareness  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Healthy vision is critical to the overall health and  
4 well-being of individuals; and

5 WHEREAS, Healthy vision is necessary for the completion of  
6 daily functions; and

7 WHEREAS, Glaucoma is a leading cause of vision loss and  
8 irreversible blindness in the United States, affecting more than  
9 3 million people; and

10 WHEREAS, People 40 years of age or older are more likely to  
11 be affected by glaucoma, but people of any age are susceptible  
12 to glaucoma and its ill effects; and

13 WHEREAS, Glaucoma is the leading cause of preventable  
14 blindness, accounting for approximately 120,000 cases of  
15 blindness in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, There are no noticeable symptoms in the early stages

1 of glaucoma, and vision loss progresses at such a gradual rate  
2 that people affected by the condition are often unaware of their  
3 degree of vision loss until their sight has already been  
4 compromised; and

5 WHEREAS, Early detection is vital to preventing glaucoma from  
6 progressing and further deteriorating the individual's vision;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The American Academy of Ophthalmology advises that  
9 routine, comprehensive eye exams are the best way to defend  
10 against the negative effects to vision caused by glaucoma;  
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
13 month of January 2017 as "Glaucoma Awareness Month" in  
14 Pennsylvania in an effort to raise awareness about the  
15 prevalence of glaucoma and its negative effects on vision and to  
16 raise awareness about the preventability of glaucoma by routine,  
17 comprehensive eye exams.