
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 2, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 14, 2017, as "Rare Disease Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Nearly 1 in 10 individuals living in this
4 Commonwealth has a rare disease, and, according to the National
5 Institutes of Health, nearly 30 million Americans have rare
6 diseases; and

7 WHEREAS, A disease is considered rare if it affects fewer
8 than 200,000 Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, There are nearly 7,000 rare diseases; and

10 WHEREAS, Rare diseases tend to be lifelong, and approximately
11 two-thirds of individuals affected are children; and

12 WHEREAS, "Rare Disease Day" is observed nationwide by
13 millions across the country and by the National Organization for
14 Rare Disorders to promote special awareness of rare diseases;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Special events and activities are planned in

1 schools, hospitals, universities and medical schools, including
2 the sharing of stories by individuals affected by a rare
3 disease; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize March
5 14, 2017, as "Rare Disease Day" in Pennsylvania in order to show
6 residents of this Commonwealth living with a rare disease that,
7 while their diseases are rare, they are not alone.