
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 12, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2017 as "Bleeding Disorders
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's
4 National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities
5 and the Division of Blood Disorders have joined together in
6 support of the second annual "Bleeding Disorders Awareness
7 Month"; and

8 WHEREAS, "Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month" was established
9 in part with the National Hemophilia Foundation and its 54
10 chapter organizations to raise awareness of bleeding disorders
11 and the importance of conducting research, educational outreach
12 and providing advocacy initiatives; and

13 WHEREAS, More than 3 million individuals in the United States
14 are diagnosed with a bleeding disorder; and

15 WHEREAS, The National Hemophilia Foundation has worked to
16 advance research on hemophilia and other related bleeding

1 disorders for nearly 70 years, providing funding for research
2 fellowships and grants that have been vital to the advancement
3 of medical knowledge and care for individuals suffering from
4 bleeding disorders; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2016, the United States Department of Health and
6 Human Services officially designated the month of March as
7 "Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month," at which time it was
8 officially added to the department's National Health Observances
9 Calendar; and

10 WHEREAS, This designation builds upon the actions of
11 President Ronald Reagan who first designated the month of March
12 as "Hemophilia Awareness Month" in 1986; and

13 WHEREAS, March 8 through 10, 2017, the National Hemophilia
14 Foundation hosted its annual Washington Days advocacy event on
15 Capitol Hill in Washington DC, during which time advocates from
16 46 states met with United States congressional legislators and
17 staff; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2016, as part of the "Bleeding Disorders
19 Awareness Month" initiative, the National Hemophilia Foundation
20 adopted the red tie as the official symbol of bleeding
21 disorders, signifying the blood ties that bind the nearly 3
22 million individuals who are currently diagnosed with a bleeding
23 disorder in the United States; and

24 WHEREAS, On March 1, 2017, the National Hemophilia Foundation
25 and its national charter organizations launched the 2017 "Red
26 Tie Challenge"; and

27 WHEREAS, The "Red Tie Challenge" is a national effort to
28 raise funds and promote awareness during which participants are
29 encouraged to make a donation at redtiechallenge.org, wear a red
30 tie, record and share their best red tie styles on the Internet

1 and challenge their friends to do the same and join the fight
2 against bleeding disorders; and

3 WHEREAS, Hemophilia, von Willebrand disease and other rare
4 factor deficiencies prevent an individual's blood from clotting
5 normally and pose a serious health risk which can be fatal if
6 not treated effectively; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
8 month of March 2017 as "Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month" in
9 Pennsylvania; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
11 the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter and the Western Pennsylvania
12 Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation.