
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 445 Session of
2017

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AUGUST 15, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
AUGUST 15, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2017 as "Blindness Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More than 25 million Americans report experiencing
4 significant vision loss, including approximately 6.5 million
5 seniors 65 years of age or older; and

6 WHEREAS, The leading cause of vision impairment for
7 individuals over 50 years of age is age-related macular
8 degeneration, with approximately 15 million Americans affected
9 and 200,000 new cases reported annually; and

10 WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1910, the Pennsylvania
11 Association for the Blind and its member agencies have
12 tirelessly supported and promoted the interests of individuals
13 who are blind or visually impaired and provided essential
14 services to assist blind Pennsylvanians in achieving self-
15 reliance and autonomy; and

1 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth supports the vitally important work
2 of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind as they enhance
3 public awareness on the prevention and treatment of blindness
4 and other serious vision impairments which are highlighted
5 during events throughout the month of October each year;
6 therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
8 month of October 2017 as "Blindness Awareness Month" in
9 Pennsylvania and further recognize the need to educate residents
10 about the prevention and treatment of blindness.