

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, AUGUST 24, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2017 as "Krabbe Disease
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Globoid cell leukodystrophy, commonly known as
4 Krabbe disease, is an inherited degenerative disorder of the
5 central and peripheral nervous systems; and

6 WHEREAS, Krabbe disease is one of a group of genetic
7 disorders called the leukodystrophies; and

8 WHEREAS, The disease most often affects infants, with onset
9 before six months of age, but can occur in adolescence or
10 adulthood; and

11 WHEREAS, Symptoms include irritability, unexplained fever,
12 limb stiffness, seizures, feeding difficulties, vomiting,
13 slowing of mental and motor development, muscle weakness,
14 spasticity, deafness and blindness; and

15 WHEREAS, There is no cure for Krabbe disease, but treatment
16 has been successful when it has begun before the appearance of

1 overt symptoms and when the disease has been diagnosed early;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Act 148 of 2014 requires hospitals in this
4 Commonwealth to screen newborns for Krabbe disease and five
5 other lysosomal storage disorders; and

6 WHEREAS, It is imperative that parents understand the
7 importance of Krabbe disease screening and early detection;
8 therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
10 month of September 2017 as "Krabbe Disease Awareness Month" in
11 Pennsylvania; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Commonwealth officially recognize the
13 importance of screening for this disease and encourage parents
14 and future parents to educate themselves on this disease and
15 take the necessary steps to ensure the health of their children.