**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 505    Session of 2017

A RESOLUTION

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

3      WHEREAS, Sepsis is a blood infection that attacks the body's

4  own tissues and organs and can lead to tissue damage, organ

5  failure and death; and

6      WHEREAS, Sepsis is the body's overwhelming and life-

7  threatening response to infection; and

8      WHEREAS, Sepsis affects an estimated 1.6 million people

9  annually; and

10     WHEREAS, Sepsis is one of the leading causes of death in the

11  United States, as more people are dying from sepsis than breast

12  cancer, prostate cancer and HIV/AIDS combined, and claims more

13  than 258,000 lives yearly; and

14     WHEREAS, Approximately 40% of patients diagnosed with severe

15  sepsis do not survive; and

1     WHEREAS, Approximately 50% of sepsis survivors suffer from

2  post-sepsis syndrome; and

3     WHEREAS, Sepsis significantly impacts at-risk populations,

4  elderly patients, young children and individuals who are

5  immunosuppressed; and

6     WHEREAS, Health care professionals and advocates consider

7  sepsis to be an epidemic, with one individual diagnosed every 20

8  seconds; and

9     WHEREAS, Sepsis is currently the third leading cause of

10  hospital admissions in Pennsylvania; and

11     WHEREAS, Sepsis was the most expensive in-patient cost in

12  hospitals throughout the United States in 2014, costing nearly

13  $24 billion; and

14     WHEREAS, Health care professionals are combating sepsis

15  through early detection, best practices, new initiatives,

16  comprehensive education and defined data and analytics; and

17     WHEREAS, Early detection is the best hope for individuals

18  diagnosed with sepsis until a cure is found; and

19     WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is proud to support health care

20  professionals, families and all those endeavoring to combat

21  sepsis; and

22     WHEREAS, In 2011, the Sepsis Alliance officially designated

23  September as "Sepsis Awareness Month" to highlight sepsis-

24  related information and resources around the globe; and

25     WHEREAS, In 2016, the Department of Health held the first

26  conference of its kind, Stopping Sepsis: Saving Lives in

27  Pennsylvania, which brought together more than 200 health care

28  leaders to discuss how Pennsylvania can combat sepsis; therefore

29  be it

30     RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the

1  month of September 2017 as "Sepsis Awareness Month" in

2  Pennsylvania.