

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 22, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of January 2018 as "Amblyopia Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Amblyopia can cause permanent vision loss if not
4 identified and treated early in life; and

5 WHEREAS, The detection of amblyopia in early childhood
6 increases the chances of successful treatment, especially if the
7 disorder is detected before a child reaches five years of age;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Many forms of amblyopia are difficult to detect and
10 can be identified only through proper screening techniques; and

11 WHEREAS, The earlier children are identified as having
12 amblyopia, the sooner treatment can commence; and

13 WHEREAS, Fewer than 20% of preschool children are currently
14 being screened for vision problems, even though screening is a
15 service covered by many health insurance plans and health
16 maintenance organizations; and

1 WHEREAS, Parents should be encouraged to have their children
2 screened for vision problems prior to admission to preschool;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Academy of Ophthalmology and a
5 number of Statewide associations, charitable organizations,
6 State agencies and local public health departments believe that
7 it is of paramount importance to promote Statewide preschool
8 vision screening, with the goal of testing all children between
9 three and five years of age; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
11 month of January 2018 as "Amblyopia Awareness Month" in
12 Pennsylvania.