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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, APRIL 18, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 7, 2018, as "World Health Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "World Health Day" annually focuses on the global
4 health priorities of the World Health Organization, the United
5 Nations' directing and coordinating authority for health; and

6 WHEREAS, April 7, the date of the World Health Organization's
7 founding in 1948, is set aside for this global observance; and

8 WHEREAS, The topic for the 2018 "World Health Day" campaign
9 is universal health coverage; and

10 WHEREAS, Universal health coverage is about ensuring that all
11 people have access to quality health services when and where
12 they need them without suffering financial hardship; and

13 WHEREAS, Universal health care enables all people to access
14 services that address causes of disease and death and ensures
15 that the quality of health services is good enough to improve
16 the health of the people receiving the services; and

1 WHEREAS, No individual should have to choose between good
2 health care and other life necessities; and

3 WHEREAS, Currently, at least half of the world's population
4 is unable to obtain essential health services; and

5 WHEREAS, At least 800 million people, or 12% of the world's
6 population, spend at least 10% of their household budgets on
7 health expenses for themselves or family members; and

8 WHEREAS, Almost 100 million people live in extreme poverty,
9 surviving on \$1.90 or less per day, because they have to pay for
10 health services; and

11 WHEREAS, Universal health care is not only about health care
12 and financing health care systems, but includes the logistics of
13 running health care systems, training providers to deliver
14 quality health care, building health care facilities and
15 communications systems and passing comprehensive legislation to
16 assure access to and success of health care systems; and

17 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives joins the World Health
18 Organization in informing the general public about universal
19 health coverage and how it can affect people throughout the
20 world; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April
22 7, 2018, as "World Health Day" in Pennsylvania.