
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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YOUNGBLOOD AND BRADFORD, APRIL 16, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 16, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2018 as "Necrotizing Fasciitis
2 Awareness Month" and May 31, 2018, as "Necrotizing Fasciitis
3 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Necrotizing fasciitis is an uncommon clinical
5 disease that leads to the degradation of skin tissue and is
6 commonly referred to as a flesh-eating bacteria or infection;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Necrotizing fasciitis was first defined within the
9 medical community in 1883 by Jean Alfred Fournier and was
10 described as a disease of unknown causes; and

11 WHEREAS, Necrotizing fasciitis is a serious infection that
12 may be caused by more than one type of bacteria, including Group
13 A Streptococcus and Staphylococcus aureus, as well as bacteria
14 naturally found in the intestines of healthy individuals; and

15 WHEREAS, Necrotizing fasciitis can occur in any age group,
16 but it is most commonly associated with surgical procedures; and

1 WHEREAS, Necrotizing fasciitis may also be seen in people
2 with diabetes mellitus, atherosclerotic vascular disease,
3 malignancy and hypertension; and

4 WHEREAS, In rare occasions, necrotizing fasciitis may occur
5 following minor injuries to the skin caused by falls or cuts and
6 has been known to occur in healthy individuals; and

7 WHEREAS, Necrotizing fasciitis can affect any part of the
8 body but most commonly involves the abdomen, arms, legs,
9 extremities and face, particularly around the eyes; and

10 WHEREAS, While progress has been made in understanding the
11 symptoms of necrotizing fasciitis and better diagnosing this
12 disease, there is still much to learn about necrotizing
13 fasciitis; and

14 WHEREAS, With increased research, the goals of discovering
15 the cause of the disease, improving treatment and finding a cure
16 are attainable; and

17 WHEREAS, It is of vital importance to raise public awareness
18 of necrotizing fasciitis to help promote early diagnosis, proper
19 management and treatment; and

20 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives desires to acknowledge
21 and honor both the survivors of necrotizing fasciitis as well as
22 those who have lost their battle to this disease; therefore be
23 it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
25 month of May 2018 as "Necrotizing Fasciitis Awareness Month" and
26 May 31, 2018, as "Necrotizing Fasciitis Awareness Day" in
27 Pennsylvania.