
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 7, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 9 through 15, 2018, as
2 "Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Research and Awareness Week"
3 in Pennsylvania to increase awareness and understanding of
4 idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

5 WHEREAS, Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) is a
6 debilitating and generally fatal disease marked by progressive
7 scarring of the lungs causing an irreversible loss of the lung
8 tissue's ability to transport oxygen; and

9 WHEREAS, IPF progresses quickly, often causing disability or
10 death within three to five years; and

11 WHEREAS, IPF is the most common form of interstitial lung
12 disease; and

13 WHEREAS, There is no proven cause of IPF, and it is often
14 misdiagnosed or underdiagnosed; and

15 WHEREAS, IPF is five times more common than cystic fibrosis
16 and Lou Gehrig's disease yet the disease remains virtually
17 unknown and receives a fraction of the research funding; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 132,000 United States citizens have IPF
2 and approximately 50,000 new cases are diagnosed each year; and

3 WHEREAS, As many as 40,000 people die each year due to IPF,
4 the same number as breast cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, Approximately 7,000 Pennsylvanians suffer from IPF;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has become a leader in research
8 and treatment of IPF, with more than 15% of all lung transplants
9 in the United States performed in Pennsylvania hospitals; and

10 WHEREAS, A need has been identified to increase research,
11 awareness and detection of IPF; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
13 week of September 9 through 15, 2018, as "Idiopathic Pulmonary
14 Fibrosis Research and Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania to
15 increase awareness and understanding of idiopathic pulmonary
16 fibrosis.