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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 1, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 11, 2018, as "Amplified Musculoskeletal Pain
2 Syndrome Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Amplified musculoskeletal pain syndrome (AMPS) is a
4 medical condition that causes an individual to experience an
5 abnormal pain reflex that causes constriction of blood vessels,
6 which deprives oxygen to muscles, bones and skin causing acid
7 buildup; and

8 WHEREAS, Consequently, AMPS amplifies a mild pain signal into
9 a very painful signal; and

10 WHEREAS, The three main causes of AMPS are stress, injury and
11 illness; and

12 WHEREAS, There are numerous types of AMPS, including complex
13 regional pain syndrome, fibromyalgia, myofascial pain syndrome,
14 neuropathic pain, psychogenic pain and reflex neurovascular
15 dystrophy; and

16 WHEREAS, While the incidence of amplified pain in children is

1 not well studied, it is known to include localized pain and
2 diffuse pain and is estimated to affect 2% to 6% of children;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Eighty percent of children with AMPS range from
5 preadolescent to adolescent girls with a pain rating of "10 out
6 of 10"; and

7 WHEREAS, Symptoms can occur suddenly or take weeks to develop
8 and may include pain in one or multiple limbs, throughout the
9 whole body or in the abdomen, headaches, skin temperature
10 changes, skin color changes, swelling of the affected extremity,
11 vascular changes, conversions and allodynia; and

12 WHEREAS, Once diagnosed, treatment is a system of therapy
13 focused on aerobic exercise, physical and occupational therapy,
14 stress management and counseling; and

15 WHEREAS, The treatment goal is to restore function and return
16 a child to the child's prior functional level at school, in
17 sports and in leisure activities; and

18 WHEREAS, When patients are in treatment, 80% are functional
19 in one to two weeks, 95% are functional in one month and 75% are
20 pain-free in one month; and

21 WHEREAS, Pediatric amplified pain is becoming more common,
22 partly as a result of societal changes; and

23 WHEREAS, Many children are overscheduled and placed under a
24 great amount of stress; and

25 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes AMPS and the
26 effects it has on those who are afflicted, particularly the
27 juvenile population; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
29 11, 2018, as "Amplified Musculoskeletal Pain Syndrome Awareness
30 Day" in Pennsylvania.