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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2017 as "Sudden Cardiac Arrest  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania to increase awareness and  
3 prompt treatment of sudden cardiac arrest.

4 WHEREAS, Sudden cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death in  
5 the United States, accounting for more than 350,000 deaths each  
6 year, according to the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation; and

7 WHEREAS, The Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation, a nonprofit  
8 organization, was created specifically to raise awareness about  
9 sudden cardiac arrest in this Commonwealth and the nation; and

10 WHEREAS, Anyone can experience sudden cardiac arrest,  
11 including infants, high school athletes and people 30 years of  
12 age or older who have no sign of heart disease; and

13 WHEREAS, Sudden cardiac arrest is extremely deadly, with the  
14 National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute giving the disease a  
15 mortality rate of approximately 95%; and

16 WHEREAS, The American Heart Association states that to have a  
17 chance of surviving a sudden cardiac arrest, victims must  
18 receive a lifesaving defibrillation within the first four to six  
19 minutes of the attack; and

1       WHEREAS, For every minute that passes without a shock from an  
2 automated external defibrillator (AED), the chance of survival  
3 decreases by approximately 10%; and

4       WHEREAS, Lifesaving treatments for sudden cardiac arrest are  
5 effective if administered in time; and

6       WHEREAS, According to the American Heart Association,  
7 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and early defibrillation with an  
8 AED more than double the chances that a victim will survive; and

9       WHEREAS, There is a need for comprehensive educational  
10 efforts designed to increase awareness of sudden cardiac arrest  
11 among medical professionals and the greater public in order to  
12 promote early detection and proper treatment of this disease and  
13 to improve quality of life; therefore be it

14       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2017  
15 as "Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania to  
16 increase awareness and prompt treatment of sudden cardiac  
17 arrest.