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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2019 as "Sjogren's Syndrome  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Sjogren's syndrome is a chronic autoimmune disease  
4 in which an individual's white blood cells attack their  
5 moisture-producing glands; and

6 WHEREAS, As many as 4 million Americans are living with  
7 Sjogren's syndrome; and

8 WHEREAS, Being a systemic disease, Sjogren's syndrome can  
9 affect all aspects of an individual's life; and

10 WHEREAS, Although its hallmark symptoms are dry eyes and dry  
11 mouth, Sjogren's syndrome also causes serious complications  
12 throughout the entire body, including fatigue, joint pain and  
13 dysfunction of organs such as the kidneys, gastrointestinal  
14 system, blood vessels, lungs, liver, pancreas and the central  
15 nervous system; and

16 WHEREAS, Individuals with Sjogren's syndrome also have a

1 higher risk of developing lymphomas; and

2 WHEREAS, Millions of individuals around the world are  
3 afflicted with Sjogren's syndrome; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
5 month of April 2019 as "Sjogren's Syndrome Awareness Month" in  
6 Pennsylvania; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That all Pennsylvanians be encouraged to learn more  
8 about Sjogren's syndrome.