
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 25, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating July 10, 2019, as "Chronic Disease Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, According to the United States Centers for Disease
4 Control and Prevention, one in four Americans has multiple
5 chronic conditions that last a year or more and require ongoing
6 medical attention or limit activities of daily living; and

7 WHEREAS, The prevalence of multiple chronic conditions
8 increases dramatically with age, affecting three in four
9 Americans 65 years of age or older; and

10 WHEREAS, Chronic diseases, such as heart disease, cancer
11 and diabetes, are the leading causes of death and disability in
12 the United States and the leading drivers of the nation's \$3.8
13 trillion in annual health care costs; and

14 WHEREAS, The rapidly growing population of older adults,
15 increasing life expectancy associated with advances in public
16 health and clinical medicine and high prevalence of some risk

1 factors such as tobacco use and physical inactivity increase the
2 number of Americans suffering from multiple chronic conditions;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, People with multiple chronic conditions account for
5 the majority of clinician visits, home health visits and
6 inpatient stays; and

7 WHEREAS, Multiple chronic conditions cause substantial out-
8 of-pocket costs of medical care, including higher costs for
9 prescription drugs; and

10 WHEREAS, Sixty-five percent of people with chronic conditions
11 are unemployed or not working, forcing them to choose between
12 affording everyday necessities, such as food, and their medical
13 treatments; and

14 WHEREAS, People with multiple chronic conditions are at
15 greater risk of poor day-to-day functioning, with some type of
16 activity limitation, including difficulty walking, dressing,
17 bathing or preparing meals; and

18 WHEREAS, Managing multiple chronic conditions can require a
19 great deal of time and effort on the part of patients, families
20 or paid attendants providing health care assistance; therefore
21 be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate July
23 10, 2019, as "Chronic Disease Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania;
24 and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage public
26 awareness of the risks of chronic disease and awareness of the
27 opportunities to extend the quality of life and lower health
28 care costs through preventative well-being practices.