
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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KIM, JANUARY 17, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JANUARY 17, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of January 2020 as "Thyroid Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The thyroid gland is a butterfly-shaped gland
4 located in the front of the neck that produces the thyroid
5 hormones, which are involved in regulating an individual's
6 metabolism; and

7 WHEREAS, There are a number of conditions that an individual
8 can suffer from if the individual's thyroid is not functioning
9 properly; and

10 WHEREAS, One thyroid condition, hypothyroidism, occurs when
11 the thyroid gland does not produce enough of a thyroid hormone;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Hypothyroidism can cause a variety of symptoms,
14 including fatigue and unexplained weight gain; and

15 WHEREAS, Treatment of hypothyroidism typically includes the
16 prescription of a synthetic thyroid hormone to restore adequate

1 hormone levels and reduce or eliminate symptoms; and

2 WHEREAS, Another thyroid condition, hyperthyroidism, occurs
3 when the thyroid gland produces too much of a thyroid hormone;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Symptoms of hyperthyroidism include unintentional
6 weight loss, rapid or irregular heartbeat and increased
7 nervousness, anxiety and irritability; and

8 WHEREAS, A number of medications may be prescribed to treat
9 hyperthyroidism, including radioactive iodine, anti-thyroid
10 medications, beta blockers and even surgery in rare cases; and

11 WHEREAS, Additionally, thyroid cancer is a condition that can
12 be accompanied by symptoms such as a lump in the neck, changes
13 to an individual's voice, difficulty swallowing, pain in the
14 neck and throat and swollen lymph nodes; and

15 WHEREAS, Thyroid cancer can typically be cured with treatment
16 or surgery to remove all or most of the thyroid gland; and

17 WHEREAS, Approximately 20 million Americans have some form of
18 thyroid disease, with women five to eight times more likely than
19 men to have thyroid issues; and

20 WHEREAS, It is important to spread awareness of thyroid
21 conditions and treatments in order to improve diagnosis and
22 treatment outcomes for individuals with thyroid conditions;
23 therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
25 month of January 2020 as "Thyroid Awareness Month" in
26 Pennsylvania.