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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 677 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY RYAN, BERNSTINE, BIZZARRO, BROOKS, BURNS, CIRESI, FREEMAN, HELM, KIM, KINSEY, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MILLARD, MURT, READSHAW, ROTHMAN, SCHMITT AND SONNEY, JANUARY 17, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JANUARY 17, 2020

A RESOLUTION

Designating the month of February 2020 as "Marfan Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Marfan syndrome is a genetic disorder that affects the body's connective tissue; and

WHEREAS, Connective tissue allows bones, ligaments, muscles, blood vessels and heart valves to stay strong and flexible; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 1 in 5,000 people have Marfan syndrome and the genetic disorder affects men and women of all races and ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, Roughly three out of every four people with Marfan syndrome inherit the genetic disorder from a parent; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the signs and symptoms of Marfan syndrome can save lives, but the signs and symptoms of the genetic disorder vary greatly depending on the part of the body that is affected; and

WHEREAS, The most common symptoms of Marfan syndrome include disproportionately long arms, legs and fingers, an indented

chest bone, an abnormally curved spine and heart murmurs; and

WHEREAS, There is no cure for Marfan syndrome, but there are various treatment options, including medication, limitations on physical activity, surgery and methods to prevent or manage complications of the genetic disorder; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that residents of this Commonwealth are aware of Marfan syndrome and a cure, if found, for the genetic disorder; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the month of February 2020 as "Marfan Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the importance of spreading awareness about Marfan syndrome and encouraging research opportunities to find a cure for the genetic disorder.