
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 21, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 11 through 17, 2020, as "Stuttering
2 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The National Stuttering Association celebrates
4 "National Stuttering Awareness Week" in May to celebrate,
5 educate and spread knowledge about stuttering; and

6 WHEREAS, Stuttering is a speech disorder that is neurological
7 and physiological in nature and is not an emotional or
8 psychological problem; and

9 WHEREAS, Stuttering is a complex disorder that touches the
10 lives of 70 million individuals around the world, 3 million in
11 the United States alone; and

12 WHEREAS, Approximately 1 in 30 children stutter at some point
13 in their life and at least one-quarter of children who stutter
14 do not outgrow the disorder; and

15 WHEREAS, Children who stutter are often teased and may
16 experience shame, guilt and fear of speaking situations; and

1 WHEREAS, Adults who stutter have been passed over for job
2 opportunities and promotions or have their skills and talents
3 overlooked due to misconceptions about stuttering; and

4 WHEREAS, Aside from speech therapy, building healthy
5 attitudes toward speaking and stuttering helps to reduce the
6 negative effects of speech therapy; and

7 WHEREAS, Individuals who listen can help end the stigma of
8 stuttering by refraining from asking the speaker to relax and by
9 listening patiently without conveying time pressure; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed a
11 proclamation establishing the second week in May as "National
12 Stuttering Awareness Week"; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
14 week of May 11 through 17, 2020, as "Stuttering Awareness Week"
15 in Pennsylvania; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
17 bring awareness to stuttering disorders in order to break down
18 stigmas and build healthy attitudes toward all Pennsylvanians
19 touched by the disorder.