
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BIZZARRO, HOHENSTEIN, READSHAW, BURNS, GALLOWAY,
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AND GREEN, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2020 as "National Dwarfism
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania to raise positive awareness
3 about dwarfism and promote the welfare of people having
4 dwarfism in this Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, Dwarfism is a medical condition with an estimated
6 30,000 people in the United States and more than 650,000 people
7 worldwide having some type of dwarfism; and

8 WHEREAS, Dwarfism affects bone growth but generally does not
9 affect cognitive abilities; and

10 WHEREAS, Dwarfism is a recognized condition under the
11 Americans with Disabilities Act; and

12 WHEREAS, While the medical prognosis for people having
13 dwarfism is highly individualized, the majority of people having
14 dwarfism enjoy normal life spans and reasonably good health; and

15 WHEREAS, Some people having dwarfism will require surgeries
16 or other medical interventions to address complications and
17 maximize mobility; and

1 WHEREAS, The preferred terminology for people having dwarfism
2 includes "persons of short stature," "persons having dwarfism"
3 or "little persons"; and

4 WHEREAS, "Midget," an antiquated term, may offend people
5 having dwarfism; and

6 WHEREAS, People having dwarfism can turn to support
7 organizations such as Little People of America, Inc. (LPA) for
8 guidance on parenting, adoption, education, medical
9 consultation, physical fitness, peer support, community outreach
10 and advocacy; and

11 WHEREAS, As the oldest and largest support organization for
12 people having dwarfism in the United States, LPA is dedicated to
13 improving the quality of life for people having dwarfism while
14 celebrating with great pride their contributions to social
15 diversity; and

16 WHEREAS, LPA commemorates "National Dwarfism Awareness Month"
17 every October to celebrate the community of people having
18 dwarfism and advocate for equal rights and opportunities for
19 people having dwarfism; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
21 month of October 2020 as "National Dwarfism Awareness Month" in
22 Pennsylvania to raise positive awareness about dwarfism and
23 promote the welfare of people having dwarfism in this
24 Commonwealth.