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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2019 as "Fibromuscular Dysplasia  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Fibromuscular dysplasia (FMD) is a disease that  
4 causes abnormal cell growth of the arterial walls in the body  
5 and can lead to areas of narrowing, beading, aneurysms and  
6 tearing of areas of the arterial wall; and

7 WHEREAS, FMD is most commonly detected accidentally or as a  
8 result of a serious incident because its symptoms, including  
9 hypertension, headaches and dizziness, also commonly have other  
10 causes and are found among much of the general population; and

11 WHEREAS, There has been little progress in understanding the  
12 disease since the first diagnosis in 1938; and

13 WHEREAS, There is no known cause or cure and there are no set  
14 protocols for treatment; and

15 WHEREAS, FMD is classified as a rare disease and many  
16 researchers believe it is underdiagnosed; and

17 WHEREAS, Ninety percent of individuals affected by FMD are

1 women between 20 and 60 years of age, but men and children also  
2 get the disease; and

3 WHEREAS, There are different types of FMD, with the two most  
4 common being medial fibroplasia and intimal fibroplasia, and  
5 there is no understanding of what causes the differences; and

6 WHEREAS, Children are most likely to be diagnosed with  
7 intimal fibroplasia, a more aggressive type; and

8 WHEREAS, Individuals and families affected by fibromuscular  
9 dysplasia often experience isolation and difficulty in obtaining  
10 accurate and timely diagnoses and optimal treatment options; and

11 WHEREAS, FMD patients often must educate their own physicians  
12 about the disease; and

13 WHEREAS, Since the Fibromuscular Dysplasia Society of America  
14 (FMDSA) was founded in March 2003, it has been successful in  
15 raising public and medical professional awareness, increasing  
16 patient support and working with researchers around the world;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, FMDSA is also funding the United States Registry for  
19 Fibromuscular Dysplasia; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of March 2019  
21 as "Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.