
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 8, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2019 as "Lupus Awareness Month" and
2 May 10, 2019, as "World Lupus Day" in Pennsylvania to give
3 more attention and awareness to the disease.

4 WHEREAS, Every day, an estimated 65,000 Pennsylvanians, 1.5
5 million Americans and 5 million people worldwide struggle with
6 the debilitating consequences of lupus, a potentially fatal
7 autoimmune disease that can damage any part of a lupus patient's
8 body; and

9 WHEREAS, In an autoimmune disease such as lupus, the immune
10 system becomes hyperactive and attacks healthy cells, causing
11 inflammation and pain and leading to permanent damage; and

12 WHEREAS, Lupus has no cure and no known cause and, despite
13 the current treatment and available medications, many lupus
14 patients have symptoms that cannot be managed well enough for
15 patients to lead normal lives, complete their education and
16 maintain employment; and

17 WHEREAS, Nine out of ten people with lupus are women; and

1 WHEREAS, New cases of lupus are diagnosed among women between
2 15 and 44 years of age about 80% of the time, with the majority
3 of new cases seen in women in their late teens and early 20s;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Although the disease is most frequently seen in
6 female patients, individuals of any age or gender can develop
7 lupus; and

8 WHEREAS, Lupus was identified as a disease in 1872 but is an
9 underrecognized public health problem that attracts rare
10 attention and funding for research for a cure; and

11 WHEREAS, Lupus is often referred to as the disease that fools
12 due to the patient's unawareness of its presence for extended
13 periods of time; and

14 WHEREAS, The Lupus Foundation of America Philadelphia Tri-
15 State Chapter, a nonprofit volunteer health organization with a
16 history of service since the early 1970s, provides supportive
17 services to the victims of lupus, funds medical research into
18 the disease's causes and possible treatments and educates the
19 public concerning the realities of lupus; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of May 2019 as
21 "Lupus Awareness Month" and May 10, 2019, as "World Lupus Day"
22 in Pennsylvania to give more attention and awareness to the
23 disease.