
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 263 Session of
2013

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TOOHIL, VEREB AND DENLINGER, APRIL 22, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 22, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Observing the month of May 2013 as "Preeclampsia Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Preeclampsia is a dangerous condition of pregnancy
4 that can, in its severest form, lead to maternal mortality,
5 infant mortality or premature birth with significant health
6 risks for the mother and baby; and

7 WHEREAS, As many as 320,000 cases of preeclampsia are
8 diagnosed in the United States every year with 25% of the cases
9 classified as severe; and

10 WHEREAS, Every six minutes in the United States, a pregnant
11 woman and her baby face life-threatening consequences because of
12 preeclampsia; and

13 WHEREAS, Preeclampsia causes approximately 18% of all

1 maternal deaths in the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, The signs and symptoms of preeclampsia are spikes in
3 maternal blood pressure, sudden swelling of feet, face and
4 hands, severe upper abdominal pain and blurred vision; and

5 WHEREAS, Public education of the signs and symptoms of
6 preeclampsia can help women recognize the condition and seek
7 appropriate medical care; and

8 WHEREAS, Many citizens of this Commonwealth have joined with
9 the Preeclampsia Foundation to raise public awareness in order
10 to minimize maternal and infant illness and death due to
11 preeclampsia; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives observe the month
13 of May 2013 as "Preeclampsia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.