## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## A RESOLUTION

Designating the month of March 2017 as "Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Deep vein thrombosis is a condition that occurs when a blood clot forms in one of the large veins in the body, which may result in a fatal pulmonary embolism; and

WHEREAS, Deep vein thrombosis is a serious but preventable medical condition; and

WHEREAS, Deep vein thrombosis occurs in approximately 2 million Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, Complications from deep vein thrombosis take up to 300,000 American lives each year; and

WHEREAS, Fatal pulmonary embolism causes more deaths each year than breast cancer and AIDS combined and may be the most common preventable cause of hospital death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Fatal pulmonary embolism is the leading cause of
maternal death associated with childbirth; and
WHEREAS, Risk factors for deep vein thrombosis include cancer and certain heart or inflammatory diseases; and WHEREAS, According to a survey conducted by the American Public Health Association, 74\% of Americans are unaware of deep vein thrombosis; and

WHEREAS, The designation of March as "Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month" raises public awareness about this lifethreatening but preventable condition; therefore be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the month of March 2017 as "Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further RESOLVED, That the Commonwealth officially recognize the importance of raising awareness of deep vein thrombosis.

