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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2018 as "Sepsis Awareness  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Sepsis is the body's overwhelming response to  
4 infection that can lead to tissue damage, organ failure and  
5 death; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 1.7 million people are diagnosed with  
7 sepsis in the United States each year; and

8 WHEREAS, Sepsis is one of the leading causes of death in the  
9 United States, and more people die from sepsis than breast  
10 cancer, prostate cancer and HIV/AIDS combined; and

11 WHEREAS, Sepsis claims more than 270,000 lives annually; and

12 WHEREAS, Approximately 40% of patients diagnosed with severe  
13 sepsis do not survive; and

14 WHEREAS, Approximately 50% of survivors of sepsis suffer from  
15 post-sepsis syndrome; and

1       WHEREAS, Sepsis significantly impacts at-risk populations,  
2 elderly patients, young children and individuals who are  
3 immunosuppressed; and

4       WHEREAS, Health care professionals and advocates consider  
5 this disease to be an epidemic, with one individual diagnosed  
6 with sepsis every 20 seconds; and

7       WHEREAS, Sepsis was the most expensive inpatient condition in  
8 hospitals throughout the United States in 2014, costing nearly  
9 \$24 billion; and

10       WHEREAS, Health care professionals are combating sepsis  
11 through early detection, best practices, new initiatives,  
12 comprehensive education and defined data and analytics; and

13       WHEREAS, Early detection and prompt treatment offer the best  
14 chances for reducing deaths and improving recovery for  
15 individuals diagnosed with sepsis until a cure is found; and

16       WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is proud to support health care  
17 professionals, families and all individuals combating sepsis;  
18 and

19       WHEREAS, In 2011, the Sepsis Alliance officially designated  
20 September as "Sepsis Awareness Month," shining a spotlight on  
21 sepsis by spreading the word around the globe; and

22       WHEREAS, In 2016, the Department of Health, with support from  
23 the Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP),  
24 held the first sepsis conference; and

25       WHEREAS, In 2017, HAP brought together more than 200 health  
26 care leaders from across this Commonwealth, as well as a number  
27 of sepsis experts for successful conferences both years; and

28       WHEREAS, Continuing that success, HAP is again taking the  
29 lead to plan this year's conference for September 5, 2018,  
30 entitled "Mission Possible: Early Sepsis Detection-Patient

1 Dialogue-Successful Discharge"; and

2 WHEREAS, Sepsis is treatable, especially with early  
3 recognition and care, and individuals can help by learning about  
4 the signs and symptoms of sepsis; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
6 month of September 2018 as "Sepsis Awareness Month" in  
7 Pennsylvania.