
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 2, 2017, as "Nonketotic Hyperglycinemia
2 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Nonketotic hyperglycinemia (NKH), also known as
4 glycine encephalopathy, is a severe and rare disorder resulting
5 from the inability to break down glycine, a neurotransmitter;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, A buildup of glycine in the blood and spinal fluid
8 affects nervous tissues, including the brain, causing seizures,
9 breathing and feeding difficulties, muscle limpness and
10 lethargy; and

11 WHEREAS, NKH usually becomes apparent after birth; and

12 WHEREAS, Many babies with NKH do not survive infancy; and

13 WHEREAS, NKH affects 1 out of every 60,000 births; and

14 WHEREAS, Fewer than 500 children worldwide are living with
15 NKH; and

16 WHEREAS, There is currently no cure for NKH; and

17 WHEREAS, Very few treatment options are available; and

1 WHEREAS, It is of vital importance to raise awareness of this
2 disease; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 2,
4 2017, as "Nonketotic Hyperglycinemia Awareness Day" in
5 Pennsylvania; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
7 importance of raising awareness of NKH in order to improve the
8 lives of those affected by it.