
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, AUGUST 29, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 18, 2023, as "Pitt Hopkins Syndrome
2 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania to coincide with
3 "International Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day."

4 WHEREAS, Pitt-Hopkins syndrome is a rare and severe
5 neurological disorder caused by a spontaneous mutation or
6 deletion of the TCF4 gene; and

7 WHEREAS, Pitt-Hopkins syndrome is characterized by
8 intellectual disability, developmental delays, breathing
9 problems of episodic hyperventilation, recurrent
10 seizures/epilepsy, gastrointestinal issues, the inability to
11 speak and distinctive facial features; and

12 WHEREAS, Approximately 700 people worldwide have been
13 diagnosed with Pitt-Hopkins syndrome; and

14 WHEREAS, The Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation annually
15 celebrates September 18 as "International Pitt Hopkins Syndrome
16 Awareness Day" to raise awareness for Pitt-Hopkins syndrome
17 research; and

18 WHEREAS, This date was chosen to bring awareness of the fact

1 that this is a disorder caused by a spontaneous mutation or
2 deletion of the TCF4 gene located on the 18th chromosome; and

3 WHEREAS, The Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation is dedicated to
4 finding a cure for Pitt-Hopkins syndrome through research,
5 education and advocacy; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
7 September 18, 2023, as "Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day" in
8 Pennsylvania to coincide with "International Pitt Hopkins
9 Syndrome Awareness Day."