
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JANUARY 25, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2021 as "Sjogren's Syndrome
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Sjogren's syndrome is a chronic autoimmune disease
4 in which an individual's white blood cells attack their
5 moisture-producing glands; and

6 WHEREAS, As many as 4 million Americans are living with
7 Sjogren's syndrome; and

8 WHEREAS, Being a systemic disease, Sjogren's syndrome can
9 affect all aspects of an individual's life; and

10 WHEREAS, Although its hallmark symptoms are dry eyes and dry
11 mouth, Sjogren's syndrome also causes serious complications
12 throughout the entire body, including fatigue, joint pain and
13 dysfunction of organs such as the kidneys, gastrointestinal
14 system, blood vessels, lungs, liver, pancreas and the central
15 nervous system; and

16 WHEREAS, Individuals with Sjogren's syndrome also have a
17 higher risk of developing lymphomas; and

1 WHEREAS, Millions of individuals around the world are
2 afflicted with Sjogren's syndrome; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
4 month of April 2021 as "Sjogren's Syndrome Awareness Month" in
5 Pennsylvania; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That all Pennsylvanians be encouraged to learn more
7 about Sjogren's syndrome.