
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 12, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 16 through 22, 2017, as "National
2 Healthcare Decisions Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Advance directives help individuals indicate the
4 kind of care they want during a medical crisis or at the end of
5 their life; and

6 WHEREAS, Advance directives support individuals and families
7 in receiving humane, personalized health care by respecting an
8 individual's wishes and values; and

9 WHEREAS, The use of advance directives often leads to reduced
10 health care costs by avoiding unwanted and unnecessary health
11 care expenses; and

12 WHEREAS, Advance directive forms are free, legal, readily
13 available and straightforward; and

14 WHEREAS, Advance directive forms can be obtained online and
15 from State health care facilities and faith-based institutions;
16 and

1 WHEREAS, Only a small percentage of Pennsylvanians have an
2 advance directive; and

3 WHEREAS, The rate of use of advance directives is lower among
4 those in minority groups and is now recognized as a minority
5 health disparity; and

6 WHEREAS, Educational and public information programs can
7 increase the rate of use of advance directives; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
9 week of April 16 through 22, 2017, as "National Healthcare
10 Decisions Week" in Pennsylvania.