
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 17, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 2, 2017, as "World Asthma Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
3 defines asthma as a chronic lung disease that inflames and
4 narrows the airways, resulting in recurring periods of wheezing,
5 chest tightness, shortness of breath and chronic coughing; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 25 million people, or 1 in 12
7 individuals, in the United States are known to have asthma; and

8 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
9 reported that an estimated 979,527 adults and 281,301 children
10 in Pennsylvania suffered from asthma in 2014; and

11 WHEREAS, There is no known cure for asthma, but once it is
12 properly diagnosed and a treatment plan is implemented,
13 individuals are able to better manage symptoms and improve
14 quality of life; and

15 WHEREAS, In an effort to raise awareness about asthma and

1 improve asthma care throughout the world, health care groups,
2 asthma educators, patients and advocates annually celebrate the
3 first Tuesday of May as "World Asthma Day"; and

4 WHEREAS, This day encourages individuals to focus on daily
5 management and ongoing education of asthma and to identify
6 allergens and irritants that can lead to and worsen asthma
7 attacks; and

8 WHEREAS, Individuals who participate in "World Asthma Day"
9 use this occasion as an opportunity to organize and participate
10 in local events, screenings and group discussions to become more
11 knowledgeable about asthma control; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 2,
13 2017, as "World Asthma Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage all
14 residents of this Commonwealth to work together to help all
15 Pennsylvanians living with asthma to control their symptoms.