
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating July 22, 2024, as "Hemihyperplasia Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Hemihyperplasia, also called hemihypertrophy, is a
4 congenital disorder, causing overgrowth of one side of a child's
5 body in comparison with the other; and

6 WHEREAS, Hemihyperplasia may be isolated, occurring without
7 any signs or symptoms; and

8 WHEREAS, Hemihyperplasia may be a sign of another medical
9 condition such as:

- 10 (1) Klippel-Trenaunay syndrome.
11 (2) Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome.
12 (3) Proteus syndrome.
13 (4) Neurofibromatosis Type I.
14 (5) Russell-Silver syndrome.
15 (6) Sotos syndrome;

16 and

17 WHEREAS, Symptoms vary depending on the child, but can
18 include difficulty eating, chewing, seeing and breathing; and

1 WHEREAS, Children with hemihyperplasia may have symptoms that
2 are difficult to diagnose; and

3 WHEREAS, The most common symptom is a subtle difference
4 between the two sides of the face and other appearance-related
5 concerns occurring as the disease progresses; and

6 WHEREAS, Treatment options include suction-assisted
7 lipectomy, excision of excessive skin and subcutaneous tissue
8 and contouring or reducing facial bones; and

9 WHEREAS, An orthopedic provider can provide treatment of
10 abnormal limb size to an individual suspected of having
11 hemihyperplasia; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate July
13 22, 2024, as "Hemihyperplasia Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania;
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives raise awareness
16 and encourage research to fight this disease.