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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 453 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED BY MURT, BAKER, BISHOP, BIZZARRO, BOBACK, R. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, D. COSTA, DAY, DEAN, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, DUSH, EVERETT, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, HARHART, J. HARRIS, JOZWIAK, KAVULICH, KIM, KINSEY, KIRKLAND, LONGIETTI, MACKENZIE, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MARSICO, McNEILL, MILLARD, D. MILLER, C. PARKER, PAYNE, READSHAW, ROSS, ROZZI, SAINATO, SCHLOSSBERG, SONNEY, THOMAS, VEREB, WARD, WATSON, WHEELAND, YOUNGBLOOD, SCHLEGEL CULVER AND GINGRICH, AUGUST 26, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
AUGUST 26, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2015 as "National Disability  
2 Employment Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Disability Employment Awareness Month"  
4 (NDEAM) is observed in October each year; and

5 WHEREAS, NDEAM is a nationwide campaign that raises awareness  
6 about disability employment issues and honors the many  
7 contributions of America's workers with disabilities; and

8 WHEREAS, NDEAM traces its history to 1945, when Congress  
9 declared the first week in October each year "National Employ  
10 the Physically Handicapped Week"; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to  
12 acknowledge the needs and contributions of individuals with all  
13 types of disabilities; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and

1 adopted its current name; and

2 WHEREAS, The theme for this year, which marks 70 years since  
3 the first observance of NDEAM, is "My Disability is One Part of  
4 Who I Am"; and

5 WHEREAS, There is no equivalent to NDEAM in the Commonwealth  
6 of Pennsylvania; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
8 month of October 2015 as "National Disability Employment  
9 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.