
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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KHAN, DELLOSO, SANCHEZ, SCHLOSSBERG, ZIMMERMAN, HOHENSTEIN,
CEPEDA-FREYTIZ AND GALLAGHER, JUNE 10, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 10, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 25, 2024, as "World Vitiligo Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Vitiligo is an autoimmune condition causing loss of
4 pigment from areas of the skin and resulting in irregular white
5 spots or patches; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 1% of the global population is
7 affected by vitiligo, highlighting its universal prevalence and
8 the need for enhanced awareness; and

9 WHEREAS, Vitiligo affects two million to five million
10 Americans and can affect people of any age, gender, race or
11 ethnicity; and

12 WHEREAS, While vitiligo is not contagious and usually not
13 physically painful, the psychological and social effects are
14 well-documented and especially devastating to children; and

15 WHEREAS, Many individuals with vitiligo experience
16 stigmatization, discrimination and bullying due to a lack of
17 public understanding about the condition; and

1 WHEREAS, Embracing acceptance and self-love can be essential
2 components for some individuals living with vitiligo; and

3 WHEREAS, Having knowledge of and access to treatment options
4 should be discussed between patients and their providers; and

5 WHEREAS, Despite clinical consensus that vitiligo is not a
6 cosmetic condition, some insurance providers are denying
7 coverage of Food and Drug Administration-approved treatments for
8 vitiligo patients; and

9 WHEREAS, The precise causes of vitiligo remain largely
10 unknown, requiring further research to better understand and
11 treat this condition; and

12 WHEREAS, The Food and Drug Administration approved the first
13 ever drug to treat vitiligo in 2022; and

14 WHEREAS, June 25 is recognized as "World Vitiligo Day," a day
15 dedicated to raising awareness and understanding about this
16 condition; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize June
18 25, 2024, as "World Vitiligo Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
21 Pennsylvanians to promote public awareness about vitiligo,
22 dispel myths and foster empathy and support for those affected
23 by the condition; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives acknowledge the
25 importance of ongoing research into the causes and potential
26 treatments for vitiligo and call on both the Commonwealth and
27 the private sector to continue to prioritize and increase
28 funding for vitiligo research within this Commonwealth; and be
29 it further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives strongly urge

1 insurance companies operating within this Commonwealth to
2 provide full coverage for all Food and Drug Administration-
3 approved treatments for vitiligo, recognizing it as a serious
4 autoimmune condition rather than a cosmetic condition, and
5 thereby ensuring equal access to treatments for all those
6 affected within this Commonwealth.