
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 21, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2013 as "Dysautonomia Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that
4 result in a malfunction of the automatic nervous system, which
5 is responsible for essential bodily functions such as
6 respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion and
7 temperature control; and

8 WHEREAS, Many forms of dysautonomia are considered rare or
9 orphan diseases, such as multiple system atrophy and pure
10 autonomic failure, while other forms are quite common, such as
11 diabetic autonomic neuropathy, neurocardiogenic syncope and
12 postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome; and

13 WHEREAS, There is a lack of awareness about the forms of
14 dysautonomia amongst the medical community and the general
15 public; and

16 WHEREAS, Dysautonomia can impact individuals of all ages,

1 races and backgrounds; and

2 WHEREAS, Some forms of dysautonomia can be very disabling and
3 this disability can result in physical pain, social isolation,
4 stress on the families of those impacted and financial hardship;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Increased awareness about dysautonomia can help
7 patients get diagnosed earlier and can help foster support for
8 individuals and families coping with dysautonomia; and

9 WHEREAS, It is fitting to recognize the contributions of the
10 professional medical community, patients and family members who
11 are working to educate Pennsylvanians about dysautonomia;
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
14 month of October 2013 as "Dysautonomia Awareness Month" in
15 Pennsylvania.