
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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CONKLIN AND DONATUCCI, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of October 22 through 28, 2017, as
2 "National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Human exposure to lead is a global public health
4 issue; and

5 WHEREAS, Inhaled or consumed lead causes long-term
6 consequences and irreversible damage among children and adults;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Low blood lead levels can profoundly affect the
9 brain and nervous system; and

10 WHEREAS, Lead poisoning at very high levels can be fatal; and

11 WHEREAS, Childhood lead poisoning is considered the most
12 preventable environmental disease affecting children; and

13 WHEREAS, "National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week" emphasizes
14 awareness of the sources of this pervasive neurotoxicant and the
15 steps to reduce or prevent harmful blood lead levels and improve

1 health outcomes; and

2 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
3 recommends early childhood lead screening to identify
4 asymptomatic exposure as well as targeted screening of at-risk
5 children according to known risk patterns; and

6 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, the Department of Health
7 administers area Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
8 offices, tracks children and adults with elevated blood lead
9 levels and provides comprehensive prevention and control
10 services in high-risk areas; and

11 WHEREAS, Clinical laboratories in this Commonwealth report
12 blood lead test results for pregnant women and persons under 16
13 years of age to the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program,
14 Division of Child and Adult Health Services, Bureau of Family
15 Health; and

16 WHEREAS, Clinical laboratories in this Commonwealth report
17 blood lead test results for persons 16 years of age or older to
18 the Department of Health's Division of Environmental Health
19 Epidemiology, Bureau of Epidemiology; and

20 WHEREAS, Homes built before 1978 should be tested for
21 potential lead hazards; and

22 WHEREAS, The Occupational Safety and Health Administration
23 has recommended reducing or eliminating workplace lead exposures
24 through engineering controls such as substitution, isolation and
25 ventilation; and

26 WHEREAS, "National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week," observed
27 annually during the last week of October, addresses the public
28 health burden caused by the widespread use of lead and lead
29 products and advances the goal of eliminating childhood lead
30 poisoning in the United States; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
2 week of October 22 through 28, 2017, as "National Lead Poisoning
3 Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.