
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 93 Session of 2023

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APRIL 28, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, APRIL 28, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 14 through 20, 2023, as "Food
2 Allergy Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Food Allergy Awareness Week" was established as a
4 national week of encouraging food allergy awareness and
5 supporting those who are impacted by food allergies and
6 anaphylaxis; and

7 WHEREAS, Food allergies affect approximately 32 million
8 Americans, including 5.6 million children; and

9 WHEREAS, Food allergies are more prevalent in children than
10 adults, equating to two students for every classroom being
11 affected by food allergies; and

12 WHEREAS, The eight foods that account for 90% of all food
13 allergy reactions are peanuts, tree nuts, milk, egg, wheat, soy,
14 fish and shellfish; and

15 WHEREAS, A food allergy is an immune system response to a
16 food that the body mistakenly believes is harmful; and

17 WHEREAS, When an individual with a food allergy eats the

1 food, the individual's immune system releases massive amounts of
2 chemicals, including histamines, which trigger a cascade of
3 symptoms that can affect the respiratory system,
4 gastrointestinal tract, skin or cardiovascular system; and

5 WHEREAS, Immunotherapy is a promising treatment to prevent
6 allergic reactions, but there is currently no cure for food
7 allergies; and

8 WHEREAS, Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that
9 comes on quickly and has the potential to become life-
10 threatening; and

11 WHEREAS, Managing a food allergy on a daily basis involves
12 constant vigilance because even trace amounts of an allergen can
13 trigger an allergic reaction in some individuals; therefore be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
16 week of May 14 through 20, 2023, as "Food Allergy Awareness
17 Week" in Pennsylvania.