
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 11, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2015 as "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a genetic disease affecting
4 approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States
5 and nearly 70,000 children and adults worldwide, 1,659 of which
6 live in this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, A defective gene causes the body to produce an
8 abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs and these
9 secretions produce life-threatening lung infections and obstruct
10 the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the
11 intestines to help break down and absorb food; and

12 WHEREAS, More than 10 million Americans are symptomless
13 carriers of the defective CF gene; and

14 WHEREAS, CF occurs in approximately 1 out of every 3,500 live
15 births in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, With the advances in the treatment of CF, the median

1 age of survival for a person with CF has risen to 41 years of
2 age; and

3 WHEREAS, Nearly 50% of the CF population is at least 18 years
4 of age, and people with CF have a variety of symptoms attributed
5 to the more than 1,800 mutations of the CF gene; and

6 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis of CF permits early treatment and
7 enhances quality of life and longevity and the treatment of CF
8 depends on the stage of the disease and the organs involved; and

9 WHEREAS, Infant blood screening to detect genetic defects is
10 the most reliable and least costly method to identify persons
11 likely to have CF; and

12 WHEREAS, Clearing mucus from the lungs is an important part
13 of the daily CF treatment regimen and other types of treatments
14 include inhaled antibiotics and pancreatic enzymes, among
15 others; and

16 WHEREAS, There are 11 world-class treatment centers in this
17 Commonwealth which specialize in the diagnosis and the care of
18 persons with CF; and

19 WHEREAS, Improving the length and quality of life for people
20 with CF starts with awareness; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of May 2015 as
22 "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.