
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2015 as "Dysautonomia Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

8 WHEREAS, Some forms of dysautonomia are considered rare
9 diseases, such as multiple system atrophy and pure autonomic
10 failure; and

11 WHEREAS, Other forms of dysautonomia are common, impacting
12 millions of people in the United States and around the world,
13 such as diabetic autonomic neuropathy, neurocardiogenic syncope
14 and postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome; and

15 WHEREAS, In certain instances, dysautonomia can be disabling
16 and result in social isolation, stress on the families of those
17 impacted and financial hardship; and

18 WHEREAS, Dysautonomia can result in death in some cases,

1 causing tremendous pain and suffering for their loved ones; and
2 WHEREAS, Increased awareness about dysautonomia will help
3 patients get diagnosed and treated earlier, save lives and
4 foster support for individuals and families coping with
5 dysautonomia in this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Dysautonomia International, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
7 organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with
8 dysautonomia, encourages communities to recognize "Dysautonomia
9 Awareness Month" each October around the world; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2015
11 as "Dysautonomia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.