
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 14, 2016, as "Apraxia Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Childhood apraxia of speech is a challenging and
4 complicated neurological speech disorder affecting children; and

5 WHEREAS, This disorder makes it difficult or impossible for
6 children to accurately produce sounds, syllables or words
7 despite knowing what they want to say and having a good
8 understanding of language; and

9 WHEREAS, Little is known about apraxia, which has no known
10 cause; and

11 WHEREAS, Apraxia has no cure and much more research into this
12 disorder is needed; and

13 WHEREAS, Parents whose children have been diagnosed with
14 apraxia and many speech therapists who work with those children
15 have emphasized the importance of early intervention and the
16 significant impact it can have on speech development in
17 children; and

1 WHEREAS, The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
2 reports that the number of children diagnosed with childhood
3 apraxia of speech is on the rise; and

4 WHEREAS, Research shows that children with childhood apraxia
5 of speech have more success when they receive frequent and
6 intensive treatment; and

7 WHEREAS, Both children and adults may be diagnosed with
8 apraxia; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 14, 2016, as "Apraxia
10 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania in order to give a voice to those
11 who have been diagnosed with apraxia, to raise awareness of
12 apraxia and to strengthen the support systems for children with
13 apraxia so that each child is afforded the best opportunity to
14 develop speech.