
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY SCHWANK, LANGERHOLC, FONTANA, DINNIMAN, FOLMER,
COSTA, BROWNE, BLAKE, SABATINA, HUGHES, AUMENT, BREWSTER,
VOGEL, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, STREET, MENSCH, SCAVELLO AND
BAKER, JUNE 18, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 30, 2018, as "Arthrogryposis Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC) is a
4 prenataally developing condition, caused by various conditions
5 and syndromes, in which a baby is born with at least three
6 joints in two different areas of the body that are highly or
7 permanently immobilized; and

8 WHEREAS, AMC presents as either a limited or a fixed range of
9 motion in the arm and leg joints, inward rotation of the
10 shoulders, abnormal extension of the elbows, bending of wrists
11 and fingers and in dislocated hips and inwardly bent heels and
12 feet (clubfoot); and

13 WHEREAS, Both the number of and particular joints affected
14 differ from person to person; and

15 WHEREAS, AMC occurs in about 1 in 3,000 births, with about
16 400 distinctly identified types; and

17 WHEREAS, The most common form of AMC, Amyoplasia, occurs in

1 some 43% of cases and most often affects both upper and lower
2 extremities, including the hands, wrists, elbows, shoulders,
3 feet and knees; and

4 WHEREAS, AMC is not curable, but is treatable, with the goal
5 to allow the individuals as much independence in their daily
6 lives as possible; and

7 WHEREAS, Physical, occupational, speech and other therapies,
8 stretching and surgical interventions can help improve
9 independence level and the quality of life; and

10 WHEREAS, Although severe cases of AMC can lead to shorter
11 lives, the majority of individuals with AMC have normal
12 lifespans; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate June 30, 2018, as
14 "Arthrogryposis Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
17 Ms. Tanya Fierro, 2043 Shartlesville Road, Mohrsville, PA 19541.