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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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PICKETT, SANCHEZ AND GREEN, JUNE 30, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 30, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of June 2023 as "Atherosclerotic  
2 Cardiovascular Disease Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is a leading cause of death  
4 in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, In the United States, approximately 24 million  
6 patients have been diagnosed with atherosclerotic cardiovascular  
7 disease (ASCVD) and are at risk of a detrimental cardiovascular  
8 event; and

9 WHEREAS, ASCVD is linked to the build-up of cholesterol in  
10 the arteries and the risk of detrimental cardiovascular events  
11 can be modified by lowering low-density lipoprotein cholesterol  
12 (LDL-C); and

13 WHEREAS, In 2016, nearly 70 million United States adults had  
14 higher than recommended LDL-C levels; and

15 WHEREAS, Forty-seven million people in the United States  
16 could benefit from treatment with lipid-lowering therapies to  
17 manage cardiovascular risks; and

1       WHEREAS, Only 20% of people with ASCVD who are taking  
2 statins, one of the leading lipid-lowering therapies, actually  
3 achieve healthy levels of LDL-C; and

4       WHEREAS, The total direct and indirect cost of cardiovascular  
5 diseases in the United States was \$576 billion in 2015 and is  
6 projected to climb to \$1.1 trillion by 2035; and

7       WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, 31% of adults have been told  
8 by a health professional that they had a heart attack, stroke,  
9 angina or coronary heart disease, which are some of the  
10 manifestations of ASCVD; and

11       WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, 18,341 people had ASCVD as an  
12 underlying cause of death; therefore be it

13       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
14 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designate June 2023 as  
15 "Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease Month" in Pennsylvania;  
16 and be it further

17       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
18 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge State agencies to expand  
19 comprehensive cardiovascular screening programs to allow for  
20 earlier identification of patients at risk of cardiovascular  
21 events; and be it further

22       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
23 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge State agencies to explore ways  
24 to collaborate with Federal and national agencies and  
25 organizations to establish and expand comprehensive  
26 cardiovascular screening programs; and be it further

27       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
28 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge an update of the  
29 Commonwealth's cardiovascular plan to accelerate quality  
30 improvements in the care rendered to patients to ensure

1 screening, treatment, monitoring and improved health outcomes  
2 are achieved; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
4 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania support the creation of policies to  
5 decrease the rising number of deaths of Americans as a result of  
6 ASCVD; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
8 the President of the United States, the Vice President of the  
9 United States, the members of each House of Congress, the  
10 Governor, the members of the Senate of Pennsylvania and other  
11 Federal and State officials and agencies as appropriate.