
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 237 Session of
2017

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RYAN, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, SONNEY, WARD, WARREN AND WATSON,
APRIL 12, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 12, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2017 as "Polio Awareness Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Polio is a highly infectious disease caused by
4 poliovirus; and

5 WHEREAS, Before the availability of polio vaccines in the
6 1950s, polio caused more than 15,000 cases of paralysis in the
7 United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Thanks to widespread vaccinations, no cases of polio
9 have originated in the United States since 1979; and

10 WHEREAS, However, air travel makes all Americans vulnerable
11 to infection by an imported poliovirus and, because of this
12 risk, all Americans must continue to be vaccinated and be aware
13 of the risks associated with contracting polio; and

14 WHEREAS, Polio survivors experience post-polio syndrome (PPS)
15 and the unexpected and often disabling symptoms include

1 overwhelming fatigue, muscle weakness, muscle and joint pain,
2 sleep disorders, heightened sensitivity to pain and anesthesia,
3 cold intolerance and difficulty swallowing and breathing; and

4 WHEREAS, These disabling symptoms often occur after the acute
5 poliovirus infection; and

6 WHEREAS, PPS can be managed and even prevented if polio
7 survivors conserve their energy, which reduces the number of
8 remaining poliovirus damaged neurons and weakened muscle joints;
9 therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
11 month of April 2017 as "Polio Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.