
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY RIGBY, KORTZ, HENNESSEY, BURNS, KINSEY, HILL-
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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 14, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2019 as "Williams Syndrome
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Williams syndrome is a rare genetic condition that
4 is present at birth, affects as many as 30,000 individuals in
5 the United States and is characterized by medical and cognitive
6 problems, including cardiovascular disease, developmental delays
7 and learning disabilities; and

8 WHEREAS, The Williams Syndrome Association (WSA), founded in
9 1982, is a nonprofit organization and the most comprehensive
10 resource for people and families living with Williams syndrome,
11 as well as for doctors, researchers and educators; and

12 WHEREAS, WSA has improved the quality of life and futures of
13 those affected by Williams syndrome through its various efforts,
14 including raising public awareness, funding critical new
15 research and providing valuable information and support to
16 families; and

17 WHEREAS, To generate awareness about Williams syndrome and

1 raise funding for critical WSA programs and initiatives, WSA has
2 organized the month of May as "Williams Syndrome Awareness
3 Month," which includes events all across the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, WSA and the families and friends of those with
5 Williams syndrome should be commended for their hard work,
6 compassion and courage as they educate the country about this
7 rare disorder; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
9 month of May 2019 as "Williams Syndrome Awareness Month" in
10 Pennsylvania.