
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 476 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY N. NELSON, JUNE 10, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 10, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 25, 2024, as "World Vitiligo Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Vitiligo is an autoimmune condition causing loss of
4 pigment from areas of the skin and resulting in irregular white
5 spots or patches; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 1% of the global population is
7 affected by vitiligo, highlighting its universal prevalence and
8 the need for enhanced awareness; and

9 WHEREAS, Vitiligo affects two million to five million
10 Americans and can affect people of any age, gender, race or
11 ethnicity; and

12 WHEREAS, While vitiligo is not contagious and usually not
13 physically painful, the psychological and social effects are
14 well-documented and especially devastating to children; and

15 WHEREAS, Many individuals with vitiligo experience
16 stigmatization, discrimination and bullying due to a lack of
17 public understanding about the condition; and

18 WHEREAS, Embracing acceptance and self-love can be essential

1 components for some individuals living with vitiligo; and

2 WHEREAS, Having knowledge of and access to treatment options
3 should be discussed between patients and their providers; and

4 WHEREAS, The clinical consensus identifies vitiligo as an
5 autoimmune condition, not a cosmetic condition; and

6 WHEREAS, The precise causes of vitiligo remain largely
7 unknown, requiring further research to better understand and
8 treat this condition; and

9 WHEREAS, The Food and Drug Administration approved the first
10 ever drug to treat vitiligo in 2022; and

11 WHEREAS, June 25 is recognized as "World Vitiligo Day," a day
12 dedicated to raising awareness and understanding about this
13 condition; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize June
15 25, 2024, as "World Vitiligo Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
18 Pennsylvanians to promote public awareness about vitiligo,
19 dispel myths and foster empathy and support for those affected
20 by the condition; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives acknowledge the
22 importance of ongoing research into the causes and potential
23 treatments for vitiligo and call on both the Commonwealth and
24 the private sector to continue to prioritize and increase
25 funding for vitiligo research within this Commonwealth; and be
26 it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives stand with the
28 medical community in recognizing vitiligo as a serious
29 autoimmune condition deserving of parity in recognition
30 alongside other autoimmune conditions that impact

1 Pennsylvanians.