
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2017 as "Fetal Alcohol
2 Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania in an
3 effort to urge pregnant women not to drink alcohol and to
4 remind women who are considering becoming pregnant to abstain
5 from drinking any type or amount of alcohol.

6 WHEREAS, Healthy children are one of this Commonwealth's
7 greatest assets; and

8 WHEREAS, There is no safe amount of alcohol that a pregnant
9 woman can drink and there is no time during pregnancy when it is
10 safe to consume alcohol; and

11 WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a group of
12 mental, physical and neurological birth defects, on a continuum
13 from mild to severe, that are the direct result of alcohol use
14 during pregnancy; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
16 Prevention, as many as three to five per one hundred babies may
17 be impacted by prenatal exposure to alcohol; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 50% of women of childbearing age drink
2 alcohol and 10% of pregnant women drink alcohol; and

3 WHEREAS, Research is identifying effective interventions that
4 lessen the effects of brain damage, especially when FASD is
5 identified and treated early in childhood; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
7 month of September 2017 as "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
8 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania in an effort to urge pregnant
9 women not to drink alcohol and to remind women who are
10 considering becoming pregnant to abstain from drinking any type
11 or amount of alcohol; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That it is the goal of the General Assembly to
13 raise awareness among its residents, particularly women of
14 childbearing age, regarding FASD prevention, diagnosis and
15 intervention.