
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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ROZZI, SHUSTERMAN, D. WILLIAMS, CURRY AND O'MARA,
JUNE 27, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 27, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of August 2024 as "Endometriosis Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Endometriosis is thought to afflict 10% of the
4 female population, indicating hundreds of millions of sufferers
5 globally; and

6 WHEREAS, Endometriosis is thought to be the cause of 85% of
7 cases of pelvic pain, as well as a host of other symptoms among
8 women; and

9 WHEREAS, These symptoms can easily cause long-term disability
10 and prevent sufferers from leading the lives that they wish for
11 themselves; and

12 WHEREAS, Endometriosis is a leading cause of infertility; and

13 WHEREAS, Despite its extreme commonality, endometriosis is
14 comparatively unknown by the general populace and even medical
15 personnel; and

16 WHEREAS, This lack of awareness has enabled an extreme and

1 unacceptable 10 years as the average wait time for diagnosis in
2 American women; and

3 WHEREAS, This disabling, common and distressing condition has
4 been significantly under-researched and underfunded; and

5 WHEREAS, The lack of research and funding creates a dearth of
6 effective treatment options to patients in need of care; and

7 WHEREAS, Awareness of endometriosis must be heightened to
8 encourage research, inform clinicians of best practices in
9 detection and treatment and generally alter this present status
10 quo; and

11 WHEREAS, Evidence suggests that the current best treatment
12 for severe endometriosis, excision surgery, is unfairly
13 reimbursed under the same medical billing code as the still
14 under-reimbursed, but less labor-intensive, fulguration surgery;
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
17 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designate the month of August 2024
18 as "Endometriosis Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
21 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania acknowledge the need to educate the
22 public and medical professionals about this condition and the
23 symptoms that warrant it being considered as a possible
24 diagnosis; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
26 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
27 States to request funding for the detection and treatment of
28 endometriosis through the Congressionally Directed Medical
29 Research Programs and any other avenues for designated medical
30 research funding that Congress finds prudent; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
3 States to continue funding the research each year; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
7 States to order a review of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding
8 System codes to ensure that all endometriosis-related surgical
9 treatments are being reimbursed by Medicare and Medicaid
10 sufficiently; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
12 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
13 States to create an annual "National Endometriosis Awareness
14 Month" and to request that Federal agencies make efforts to
15 inform the national public and medical practitioners; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
18 the President of the United States, the presiding officers of
19 each house of Congress, each member of Congress from
20 Pennsylvania and the President of the American Medical
21 Association.