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SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2015 as "Polycystic Ovarian
2 Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Polycystic ovarian syndrome is a hormonal disorder
4 that affects as many as 5 million women in the United States;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, One of the leading causes of infertility, polycystic
7 ovarian syndrome affects an estimated one in ten women of child-
8 bearing age; and

9 WHEREAS, Polycystic ovarian syndrome is defined as the
10 presence of cysts on the ovaries combined with the absence of
11 ovulation; and

12 WHEREAS, While the cause of polycystic ovarian syndrome is
13 unknown, most experts believe that several factors, including
14 genetics, could play a role; and

1 WHEREAS, Polycystic ovarian syndrome can begin in the teenage
2 years with symptoms such as irregular or no menstrual periods,
3 acne, obesity, weight gain, inability to lose weight, breathing
4 problems while sleeping, depression, oily skin, infertility,
5 skin discolorations, high cholesterol levels, elevated blood
6 pressure, excess or abnormal hair growth and distribution, pain
7 in the lower abdomen and pelvis, multiple ovarian cysts and skin
8 tags; and

9 WHEREAS, Women with polycystic ovarian syndrome have greater
10 chances of developing several serious health conditions,
11 including life-threatening diseases such as diabetes and heart
12 disease; and

13 WHEREAS, There is no known cure for polycystic ovarian
14 syndrome; and

15 WHEREAS, However, by changing lifestyle habits and making
16 small changes to diet and exercise, women afflicted with the
17 disease can not only feel better, but they can also improve
18 their chances of conception by 10%; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
20 month of September 2015 as "Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome
21 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.