
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2017 as "Dysautonomia Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Dysautonomia is an umbrella term for a group of
4 medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic
5 nervous system, which is responsible for "automatic" bodily
6 functions, including respiration, heart rate, blood pressure,
7 digestion and temperature control; and

8 WHEREAS, Some forms of dysautonomia are considered rare
9 diseases, such as multiple system atrophy and pure autonomic
10 failure; and

11 WHEREAS, Other forms of dysautonomia are common, impacting
12 millions of people in the United States and around the world,
13 such as diabetic autonomic neuropathy, neurocardiogenic syncope
14 and postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome; and

15 WHEREAS, Dysautonomia impacts people of any age, gender, race
16 or background, including many individuals in Pennsylvania; and

17 WHEREAS, Some forms of dysautonomia can be disabling and
18 result in social isolation, stress on the families of those

1 impacted and financial hardship; and

2 WHEREAS, Dysautonomia can result in death in some cases; and

3 WHEREAS, Increased awareness about dysautonomia helps
4 patients get diagnosed and treated earlier, saves lives and
5 fosters support for individuals and families coping with
6 dysautonomia in this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Dysautonomia International, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit
8 organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with
9 dysautonomia, encourages communities to recognize "Dysautonomia
10 Awareness Month" each October around the world; and

11 WHEREAS, "Dysautonomia Awareness Month" recognizes the
12 contributions of the professional medical community, patients
13 and family members who are working to educate Pennsylvanians
14 about dysautonomia; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2017
16 as "Dysautonomia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.