
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY J. WARD, MARCH 28, 2023

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 28, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 11, 2023, as "Suddenly Sleepy Saturday for
2 Narcolepsy Awareness" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Narcolepsy is a chronic neurological disorder caused
4 by the brain's inability to regulate sleep-wake cycles; and

5 WHEREAS, Narcolepsy affects an estimated 1 in every 2,000
6 Americans; and

7 WHEREAS, Narcolepsy is an underrecognized and underdiagnosed
8 condition; and

9 WHEREAS, The symptoms of narcolepsy, especially when
10 undiagnosed, can lead to accidents, injuries and problems with
11 learning and working; and

12 WHEREAS, Narcolepsy affects people neurologically, socially
13 and emotionally; and

14 WHEREAS, Narcolepsy affects people of all ages, with onset
15 typically occurring between 10 and 30 years of age; and

16 WHEREAS, On average, it takes a patient more than six years
17 to be diagnosed with narcolepsy after first experiencing
18 symptoms; and

1 WHEREAS, Research shows that narcolepsy patients have an
2 increased prevalence of high blood pressure, cardiovascular
3 disease and diabetes; and

4 WHEREAS, Narcolepsy patients need trained providers to
5 address their comorbidities and treat additional underlying
6 health concerns; and

7 WHEREAS, Narcolepsy Network is a national organization
8 created to promote awareness of the disease and support for
9 those who suffer from narcolepsy; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate March 11, 2023, as
11 "Suddenly Sleepy Saturday for Narcolepsy Awareness" in
12 Pennsylvania.