
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WATSON, WHEELAND AND YOUNGBLOOD, NOVEMBER 16, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 16, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 17, 2015, as "Coats Eye Disease Awareness
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There are multiple debilitating eye diseases that
4 affect millions of Pennsylvanians and others throughout the
5 country; and

6 WHEREAS, Coats eye disease is a rare eye disease that mostly
7 afflicts young children and teenagers; and

8 WHEREAS, Coats eye disease can cause blood vessels in one or
9 both eyes to develop abnormally, causing leakage of blood into
10 the eye and resulting in trauma, damage, partial or total
11 blindness or even removal of the eye without early detection,
12 treatment or surgery; and

13 WHEREAS, Coats eye disease is still not widely known and can
14 be misdiagnosed by some in the medical community, even among
15 retinal specialists; and

1 WHEREAS, Coats eye disease is classified as an orphan disease
2 yet impacts thousands in this Commonwealth; and

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania can be a leader in promoting awareness,
4 research, study and, ultimately, cures for many of these rare
5 diseases, including Coats eye disease; and

6 WHEREAS, "Coats Eye Disease Awareness Day" is an important
7 nationwide tool for raising awareness among governmental
8 officials, medical professionals, academic institutions,
9 commercial ventures and the public about this rare disease and
10 efforts to increase early detection toward finding a cure;
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
13 November 17, 2015, as "Coats Eye Disease Awareness Day" in
14 Pennsylvania, in support of efforts to broaden awareness of this
15 rare disease, promote and enable early detection and advance
16 treatments, achieve prevention, further scientific research and
17 find a cure for this disease.