
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MURT, NEILSON, READSHAW, ROEBUCK, RYAN, SCHLOSSBERG, SONNEY
AND YOUNGBLOOD, JANUARY 30, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JANUARY 30, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2020 as "Bleeding Disorders
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's
4 National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities
5 and the Division of Blood Disorders have joined together in
6 support of the annual "Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month"; and

7 WHEREAS, "Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month" was established
8 in part with the National Hemophilia Foundation and its 52
9 affiliated chapter organizations to raise awareness of bleeding
10 disorders and the importance of conducting research, educational
11 outreach and providing advocacy initiatives; and

12 WHEREAS, More than 3 million individuals in the United States
13 are diagnosed with a bleeding disorder; and

14 WHEREAS, The National Hemophilia Foundation has worked to
15 advance research on hemophilia and other related bleeding
16 disorders for 71 years, providing funding for research
17 fellowships and grants that have been vital to the advancement

1 of medical knowledge and care for individuals suffering from
2 bleeding disorders; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2016, the United States Department of Health and
4 Human Services officially designated the month of March as
5 "Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month," at which time it was
6 officially added to the department's National Health Observances
7 Calendar; and

8 WHEREAS, This designation builds upon the actions of
9 President Ronald Reagan who first designated the month of March
10 as "Hemophilia Awareness Month" in 1986; and

11 WHEREAS, February 26 through 28, 2020, the National
12 Hemophilia Foundation is hosting its annual Washington Days
13 advocacy event on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, during which
14 time advocates from 50 states are meeting with United States
15 congressional legislators and staff; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2016, as part of the "Bleeding Disorders
17 Awareness Month" initiative, the National Hemophilia Foundation
18 adopted the red tie as the official symbol of bleeding
19 disorders, signifying the blood ties that bind the nearly 3
20 million individuals who are currently diagnosed with a bleeding
21 disorder in the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, On March 1, 2020, the National Hemophilia Foundation
23 and its national charter organizations are launching the annual
24 "Red Tie Campaign"; and

25 WHEREAS, The "Red Tie Campaign" is a national effort to raise
26 funds and promote awareness during which participants are
27 encouraged to make a donation at redtiecampaign.org, wear a red
28 tie, record and share their best red tie styles on the Internet
29 and challenge their friends to do the same and join the fight
30 against bleeding disorders; and

1 WHEREAS, Hemophilia, von Willebrand disease and other rare
2 factor deficiencies prevent an individual's blood from clotting
3 normally and pose a serious health risk which can be fatal if
4 not treated effectively; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
6 month of March 2020 as "Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month" in
7 Pennsylvania; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
9 the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter and the Western Pennsylvania
10 Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation.