
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WARNER, BERNSTINE, BIZZARRO, BROWN, BURNS,
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MURT, NEILSON, PYLE, READSHAW, ROEBUCK, ROTHMAN, RYAN, SONNEY
AND YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 4, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MARCH 4, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 10 through 16, 2020, as "Food
2 Allergy Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Food Allergy Awareness Week" was established as a
4 national week of encouraging food allergy awareness and
5 supporting those who are impacted by food allergies and
6 anaphylaxis; and

7 WHEREAS, Food allergies affect approximately 15 million to 32
8 million Americans, including 6 million children; and

9 WHEREAS, The prevalence of food allergies appears to be
10 increasing among individuals under 18 years of age to
11 approximately two students in every classroom in every school in
12 the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, The eight foods that account for 90% of all food
14 allergy reactions are peanuts, tree nuts, milk, egg, wheat, soy,
15 fish and shellfish; and

16 WHEREAS, A food allergy is an immune system response to a

1 food that the body mistakenly believes is harmful; and

2 WHEREAS, When an individual with a food allergy eats the
3 food, the individual's immune system releases massive amounts of
4 chemicals, including histamines, which trigger a cascade of
5 symptoms that can affect the respiratory system,
6 gastrointestinal tract, skin or cardiovascular system; and

7 WHEREAS, Immunotherapy is a promising treatment to prevent
8 allergic reactions, but there is currently no cure for food
9 allergies; and

10 WHEREAS, Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that
11 comes on quickly and has the potential to become life-
12 threatening; and

13 WHEREAS, Managing a food allergy on a daily basis involves
14 constant vigilance because even trace amounts of an allergen can
15 trigger an allergic reaction in some individuals; therefore be
16 it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
18 week of May 10 through 16, 2020, as "Food Allergy Awareness
19 Week" in Pennsylvania.