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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 181 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY SCHWANK, LANGERHOLC, FARNESE, COLLETT, DINNIMAN,  
SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, KILLION, BLAKE, BROWNE, BAKER, MENSCH,  
MARTIN, BARTOLOTTA, COSTA, HUGHES AND J. WARD, JUNE 24, 2019

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, JUNE 24, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 30, 2019, as "Arthrogryposis Awareness Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Arthrogryposis multiplex congenita (AMC) is a  
4 prenataally developing condition, caused by various conditions  
5 and syndromes, in which a baby is born with at least three  
6 joints in two different areas of the body that are highly or  
7 permanently immobilized; and

8 WHEREAS, AMC presents as either a limited or a fixed range of  
9 motion in the arm and leg joints, inward rotation of the  
10 shoulders, abnormal extension of the elbows, bending of wrists  
11 and fingers and in dislocated hips and inwardly bent heels and  
12 feet (clubfoot); and

13 WHEREAS, Both the number of and particular joints affected  
14 differ from person to person; and

15 WHEREAS, AMC occurs in approximately 1 in 3,000 births, with  
16 an estimated 400 distinctly identified types; and

17 WHEREAS, The most common form of AMC, Amyoplasia, occurs in

1 some 43% of cases and most often affects both upper and lower  
2 extremities, including the hands, wrists, elbows, shoulders,  
3 feet and knees; and

4 WHEREAS, AMC is not curable but treatment allows affected  
5 individuals as much independence in their daily lives as  
6 possible; and

7 WHEREAS, Physical, occupational, speech and other therapies,  
8 stretching and surgical interventions can help improve  
9 independence level and the quality of life; and

10 WHEREAS, Although severe cases of AMC can lead to shorter  
11 lives, the majority of individuals with AMC have normal  
12 lifespans; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate June 30, 2019, as  
14 "Arthrogryposis Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
17 Ms. Tanya Fierro, 2043 Shartlesville Road, Mohrsville, PA 19541.