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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 2016 as "Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT) disorder, a disease of the
4 nerves that control muscles, is the most commonly inherited
5 peripheral neuropathy, affecting one in 2,500 people worldwide,
6 including approximately 5,080 people in Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, The disorder, named after the three physicians who
8 discovered it in 1886, Jean Charcot, Pierre Marie and Howard
9 Henry Tooth, is characterized by a slow and progressive
10 degeneration of the muscles in the feet, lower legs, hands and
11 arms, causing loss of normal function and sensation that can be
12 severely disabling and may be accompanied by chronic pain and
13 overwhelming fatigue; and

14 WHEREAS, Patients with CMT must constantly advocate on their
15 own behalf to doctors, medical professionals and educators who
16 are often unaware of, or insufficiently educated about, the
17 disorder, its symptoms and the obstacles faced by those affected
18 by the disorder; and

1 WHEREAS, The mission of the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association
2 (CMTA) is to support the development of new drugs to treat CMT,
3 to improve the quality of life for people with CMT and
4 ultimately to find a cure for CMT; and

5 WHEREAS, The CMTA's Strategy to Accelerate Research (STAR)
6 initiative is making great strides in developing therapies for
7 CMT through innovative public/private partnerships with the
8 National Institutes of Health and universities and laboratories
9 worldwide in the search for a treatment for CMT; and

10 WHEREAS, In an effort to encourage research and raise
11 awareness, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania joins the CMTA and
12 other interested agencies and organizations in recognizing the
13 challenges of CMT patients and families in living with this
14 disease; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate September 2016 as
16 "Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.