
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 5, 2009

A RESOLUTION

Designating the month of November 2009 as "Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Sudden cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death in the United States, accounting for an estimated 325,000 deaths each year according to the Heart Rhythm Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation, a nonprofit organization, was created specifically to raise awareness about sudden cardiac arrest in this Commonwealth and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Anyone can experience sudden cardiac arrest, including infants, high school athletes and people 30 years of age and older who have no sign of heart disease; and

WHEREAS, Sudden cardiac arrest is extremely deadly, with the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute giving the disease a

mortality rate of approximately 95%; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association states that to have a chance of surviving a sudden cardiac arrest, victims must receive a lifesaving defibrillation within the first four to six minutes of the attack; and

WHEREAS, For every minute that passes without a shock from an automated external defibrillator, the chance of survival decreases by approximately 10%; and

WHEREAS, Lifesaving treatments for sudden cardiac arrest are effective if administered in time; and

WHEREAS, According to the American Heart Association, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and early defibrillation with an automated external defibrillator more than double the chances that a victim will survive; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for comprehensive educational efforts designed to increase awareness of sudden cardiac arrest among medical professionals and the greater public in order to promote early detection and proper treatment of this disease and to improve quality of life; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the month of November 2009 as "Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania to increase awareness and prompt treatment of sudden cardiac arrest.