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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 43 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JANUARY 23, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2015 as "Deep Vein Thrombosis  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Deep vein thrombosis is a condition that occurs when  
4 a blood clot forms in one of the large veins, which may result  
5 in a fatal pulmonary embolism; and

6 WHEREAS, Deep vein thrombosis is a serious but preventable  
7 medical condition; and

8 WHEREAS, Deep vein thrombosis occurs in approximately 2  
9 million Americans each year; and

10 WHEREAS, Fatal pulmonary embolism causes more deaths each  
11 year than breast cancer and AIDS combined; and

12 WHEREAS, Complications from deep vein thrombosis take up to  
13 300,000 American lives each year; and

14 WHEREAS, Fatal pulmonary embolism may be the most common  
15 preventable cause of hospital death in the United States; and

1       WHEREAS, Risk factors for deep vein thrombosis include cancer  
2 and certain heart or inflammatory diseases; and

3       WHEREAS, Pulmonary embolism is the leading cause of maternal  
4 death associated with childbirth; and

5       WHEREAS, According to a survey conducted by the American  
6 Public Health Association, 74% of Americans are unaware of deep  
7 vein thrombosis; and

8       WHEREAS, The designation of March as Deep Vein Thrombosis  
9 Awareness Month would raise public awareness about this life-  
10 threatening but preventable condition; therefore be it

11       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
12 month of March 2015 as "Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month" in  
13 Pennsylvania; and be it further

14       RESOLVED, That the Commonwealth officially recognize the  
15 importance of raising awareness of deep vein thrombosis.