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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,  
APRIL 16, 2024

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 12 through 18, 2024, as "Food  
2 Allergy Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

6 WHEREAS, Food allergies affect approximately 20 to 33 million  
7 Americans, including 5.6 million children; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, A food allergy is an immune system response to a  
16 food that the body mistakenly believes is harmful; and

17 WHEREAS, When an individual with a food allergy eats the

1 food, the individual's immune system releases massive amounts of  
2 chemicals, including histamines, which trigger a cascade of  
3 symptoms that can affect the respiratory system,  
4 gastrointestinal tract, skin or cardiovascular system; and

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

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

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

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
16 week of May 12 through 18, 2024, as "Food Allergy Awareness  
17 Week" in Pennsylvania.