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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 1, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2018 as "1918 Influenza
2 Pandemic Remembrance Month" in Pennsylvania to commemorate
3 the 100th anniversary of the 1918 influenza pandemic.

4 WHEREAS, Influenza pandemics occurred three times in the
5 previous century, and history and science suggest that the
6 United States and the world will face at least one pandemic in
7 this century; and

8 WHEREAS, A pandemic can cause severe illness, death and
9 disruption throughout the country and the world, and outbreaks
10 can occur in many different locations all at the same time; and

11 WHEREAS, Preparing for an influenza pandemic requires
12 coordinated action at all levels of government and all sectors
13 of society including businesses, schools, faith-based and
14 community organizations, families and individuals, starting with
15 the support practice of broadly immunizing individuals with the
16 seasonal flu vaccine; and

17 WHEREAS, The 1918 influenza pandemic is recognized as one of

1 the most devastating diseases in human history with an estimated
2 50 million deaths worldwide; and

3 WHEREAS, It is estimated that approximately 500 million
4 people, or one-third of the world's population, became infected
5 with this virus and the high mortality in healthy people was a
6 unique feature of this pandemic; and

7 WHEREAS, More than 675,000 Americans are estimated to have
8 died during the pandemic, 50,000 of which were in Pennsylvania;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The 1918 influenza pandemic galvanized scientific
11 research into the causes of influenza and ways to ensure that a
12 worldwide influenza pandemic does not happen again, resulting in
13 the first influenza vaccine being developed in the United States
14 in 1938 to ensure that soldiers would be protected in the advent
15 of World War II; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, the worldwide research and public health
17 communities continue to work together to understand the 1918
18 influenza pandemic and society has learned from that experience
19 and influenza immunization today remains an effective tool for
20 limiting influenza illness, protecting the public health and
21 saving lives each year; and

22 WHEREAS, An informed and prepared public is essential to
23 minimizing the health effects of influenza and the resulting
24 consequences to society and this is achieved through learning
25 important health and safety information concerning influenza
26 with material targeted at groups including families, travelers,
27 workers, communities and health professionals; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
29 month of October 2018 as "1918 Influenza Pandemic Remembrance
30 Month" to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 1918

1 influenza pandemic.