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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 92 Session of 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, APRIL 28, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 23 through 29, 2023, as "National  
2 Infertility Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, One in eight couples is affected by infertility in  
4 the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Infertility is defined as the inability to conceive  
6 after one year or longer of unprotected sexual intercourse; and

7 WHEREAS, Infertility affects individuals of all ages, genders  
8 and races; and

9 WHEREAS, Men and women can both contribute to infertility;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Male infertility is a factor in roughly 50% of all  
12 infertility cases; and

13 WHEREAS, In the United States, 9% of men and 11% of women  
14 have experienced fertility issues; and

15 WHEREAS, Stigma is considered the burden of infertility; and

16 WHEREAS, Infertility can cause psychological distress,  
17 emotional stress and financial difficulties for couples; and

1       WHEREAS, Couples can experience feelings of anger, guilt,  
2       sadness, depression, anxiety and a loss of self-confidence and  
3       self-esteem; and

4       WHEREAS, The most common types of fertility treatment are in  
5       vitro fertilization (IVF) and intrauterine insemination (IUI);  
6       and

7       WHEREAS, IVF is the process of taking eggs from ovaries and  
8       fertilizing them by sperm in a lab, with the result of an embryo  
9       that can be implanted into a uterus; and

10       WHEREAS, The average cost of IVF in the United States is  
11       currently \$11,000 to \$12,000 for one cycle; and

12       WHEREAS, IUI is the process of collecting healthy sperm and  
13       inserting the sperm directly into the uterus when an individual  
14       is ovulating; and

15       WHEREAS, The average cost of IUI in the United States is \$300  
16       to \$1,000; and

17       WHEREAS, In 2019, 71% of women who went through IVF had no  
18       fertility treatment coverage; and

19       WHEREAS, As of June 2022, there are 20 states that have  
20       fertility insurance coverage laws, Pennsylvania is not one; and

21       WHEREAS, Raising awareness for the community of infertility  
22       can remove barriers to care; and

23       WHEREAS, Educating others on infertility can remove the  
24       stigma and increase empathy and sympathy towards those facing  
25       infertility problems; and

26       WHEREAS, Infertility awareness is a vital part of normalizing  
27       the conversation about difficulties with fertility; therefore be  
28       it

29       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
30       week of April 23 through 29, 2023, as "National Infertility

1 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.