

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 395 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY MALAGARI, KRUEGER, O'MARA, PROBST, GUENST, KHAN, SIEGEL, DELLOSO, GIRAL, HADDOCK, McNEILL, BOYD, SANCHEZ, D. WILLIAMS, SCHLOSSBERG, GREEN, FLEMING, ORTITAY, CERRATO AND DALEY, APRIL 15, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, APRIL 15, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 21 through 27, 2024, as "National
2 Infertility Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, One in eight couples are 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, Stigma is considered the burden of infertility; and

10 WHEREAS, Infertility can cause psychological distress,
11 emotional stress and financial difficulties for couples; and

12 WHEREAS, Couples can experience feelings of anger, guilt,
13 sadness, depression, anxiety and a loss of self-confidence and
14 self-esteem; and

15 WHEREAS, The most common types of fertility treatment are in
16 vitro fertilization (IVF) and intrauterine insemination (IUI);
17 and

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

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

6 WHEREAS, IUI is the process of collecting healthy sperm and
7 inserting the sperm directly into the uterus when an individual
8 is ovulating; and

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

11 WHEREAS, In 2022, 54% of the largest employers in the United
12 States offered insurance coverage for IVF treatment; and

13 WHEREAS, As of September 2023, there are 21 states that have
14 fertility insurance coverage laws, this Commonwealth is not one
15 of those states; and

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

18 WHEREAS, Educating others on infertility can remove the
19 stigma and increase empathy and sympathy towards those facing
20 infertility problems; and

21 WHEREAS, Infertility awareness is a vital part of normalizing
22 the conversation about difficulties with fertility; therefore be
23 it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
25 week of April 21 through 27, 2024, as "National Infertility
26 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.