

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 148

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A RESOLUTION to designate May 2019 as "Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) is a complex genetic disorder that occurs in between one in every 10,000 and one in every 25,000 live births and affects males and females with equal frequency, occurring in all races and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, PWS causes low muscle tone, short stature if not treated with growth hormone, incomplete sexual development, and a chronic feeling of hunger that, coupled with a metabolism that utilizes drastically fewer calories than normal, can lead to excessive eating and life-threatening obesity; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure for Prader-Willi Syndrome, but early diagnosis and careful management of symptoms can improve the lives of individuals with PWS; however, more effective therapies are needed; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has designated May as "Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month"; and

WHEREAS, committed to informing the citizens of Tennessee of the importance of early detection and increased research and honoring those persons whose lives have been affected by Prader-Willi Syndrome, the members of this General Assembly wish to designate May 2019 as "Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that May 2019 is designated as "Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.