

Whereas, Lyme disease can cause early symptoms, including a rash or flu-like symptoms such as fever, muscle aches, headaches and fatigue, that can easily be misdiagnosed; and

Whereas, If not caught early, Lyme disease can lead to a chronic debilitating illness that is very difficult to eradicate; and

Whereas, The prevention of Lyme disease and other tick-borne disorders is difficult; and

Whereas, Residents of this Commonwealth can greatly reduce their chance of tick pathogen transmission if they take proper caution while engaged in outdoor activities from early spring through late fall, as well as during a warmer winter season, and make frequent tick checks and remove and dispose of ticks promptly and properly; and

Whereas, Residents of this Commonwealth can greatly reduce the risk of Lyme disease on their properties through landscape, insecticide and other measures that have been found to be effective; and

Whereas, The schools of this Commonwealth can greatly reduce the risk of Lyme and related diseases among schoolchildren through prevention education and precautions, including instruction to parents regarding steps to take before and after school-related activities such as field trips and sports; and

Whereas, Residents of this Commonwealth should be aware of early, disseminated and late/persistent symptoms, and that a negative Lyme test cannot rule out Lyme disease; and

Whereas, The early clinical diagnosis and appropriate treatment of these tick-borne disorders and diseases can greatly reduce the risks of continued, diverse and chronic symptoms that can affect every system and organ of the human body and often every aspect of a person's life; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate designate the month of May 2017 as "Lyme and Tick-borne Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania in a continued effort to benefit the overall health and quality of life of the residents of this Commonwealth by increasing their awareness of the threat of tick bites and the potential seriousness of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 105, introduced by Senators Stewart J. Greenleaf, John P. Blake, Lawrence M. Farnese, Jr., John P. Sabatina, Jr., Wayne D. Fontana, Andrew E. Dinniman, David S. Argall, James R. Brewster, Patrick M. Browne, Mario M. Scarello, Ryan P. Cument, Scott E. Hutchinson, Donald C. White, Mike Folmer, John C. Rafferty, Jr., Thomas H. Killion, Camera Bartolotta, Bob Mensch, Elder A. Vogel, Jr., Vincent J. Hughes, Mike Regan, Randy Dulakovich and Gene Yaw, and adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania the eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord, two thousand seventeen.

Attest:

  
Megan Martin, Secretary

