

2012 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 145

Designating May, in 2012 and in each succeeding year, as Preeclampsia Awareness Month in Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 3, 2012

Agreed to by the Senate, February 28, 2012

WHEREAS, preeclampsia is a dangerous condition of pregnancy that can, in its severest form, lead to maternal or infant mortality or premature birth with significant health risks for the mother and baby; and

WHEREAS, more than 350,000 cases of preeclampsia are diagnosed in the United States every year with 25 percent of the cases classified as severe; and

WHEREAS, every six minutes of every day in the United States, a pregnant woman and her baby face life-threatening consequences because of preeclampsia; and

WHEREAS, public education as to the symptoms of preeclampsia—spikes in maternal blood pressure; sudden swelling of feet, face, and hands; severe upper abdominal pain; blurred vision—can help women recognize the condition and seek appropriate medical care; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of Virginia have joined with the Preeclampsia Foundation to raise public awareness in order to minimize maternal and infant illness and death due to preeclampsia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate May, in 2012 and in each succeeding year, as Preeclampsia Awareness Month in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this month on the General Assembly's website.

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