



Turner Syndrome affects 1 in 2000 girls.  
We can help.

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My connection to this cause:

### **Help me pass this legislation for Turner Syndrome Awareness Month.**

A **JOINT RESOLUTION** designating February of each year as "Turner Syndrome Awareness Month" in \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, Turner Syndrome is a genetic condition affecting girls and women with a missing or incomplete sex chromosome which can cause a variety of developmental and medical issues; some of the most common characteristics of this condition include short stature, infertility, heart defects, and certain learning disabilities; and  
**WHEREAS**, Turner Syndrome occurs in approximately one out of every 2,000 live female births worldwide, with no known difference in rate of occurrence based upon race, nationality, location, socio-economic factors, or exposure to environmental hazards, and, although genetic, this condition is not usually inherited; and  
**WHEREAS**, The cause of Turner Syndrome is not presently known, but appears to be the result of random error during the formation of either the sperm or the egg; and  
**WHEREAS**, There is presently no cure for Turner Syndrome, but there are treatment options and support groups available that can help to improve the well-being of those affected by this condition; and  
**WHEREAS**, Turner Syndrome can be diagnosed as early as during pregnancy through prenatal testing methods such as amniocentesis or chorionic villous sampling; and  
**WHEREAS**, Early diagnosis and treatment with growth hormone and estrogen therapies are especially important to optimizing the growth and pubertal development of girls with Turner Syndrome; and  
**WHEREAS**, The Turner Syndrome Foundation sponsors important research initiatives and educational programs to raise awareness of Turner Syndrome and to enhance the medical care of those affected by this condition; and  
**WHEREAS**, Increased awareness of Turner Syndrome among health care professionals and the general public will help promote early diagnosis, encourage affected girls and women to seek treatment and utilize support groups, and raise support for organizations that are dedicated to improving the lives of those with this condition such as the Turner Syndrome Foundation; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ :

1. The month of February of each year is designated as "Turner Syndrome Awareness Month" in \_\_\_\_\_ to increase awareness of Turner Syndrome among health care professionals and the general public.
2. The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation recognizing February as "Turner Syndrome Awareness Month" in \_\_\_\_\_ and calling upon public officials and the people of this State to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs.
3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

#### STATEMENT

This joint resolution would designate February of each year as "Turner Syndrome Awareness Month" to raise public awareness of Turner Syndrome, a genetic condition affecting girls and women with a missing or incomplete sex chromosome, which can cause a variety of developmental and medical issues, including short stature, infertility, heart defects, and certain learning disabilities.

This joint resolution would also require the Governor to annually issue a proclamation recognizing February as "Turner Syndrome Awareness Month" in \_\_\_\_\_ and calling upon public officials and the people of this State to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

Increasing awareness of Turner Syndrome through the annual observance of "Turner Syndrome Awareness Month" would help promote early diagnosis, encourage affected girls and women to seek treatment and utilize support groups, and raise support for organizations that are dedicated to improving the lives of those with this condition such as the Turner Syndrome Foundation.

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Designates February as "Turner Syndrome Awareness Month."