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Angelini Legislation On Turner Syndrome Signed Into Law

Resolution Designates February as Turner Syndrome Awareness Month

Legislation sponsored by Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini's designating February as "Turner Syndrome Awareness Month" in New Jersey was signed by Governor Christie today.

Turner Syndrome is a chromosomal condition that affects girls and women with a missing or incomplete sex chromosome. This disease can cause an assortment of developmental and medical issues, including short stature, infertility, heart defects, and learning disabilities.

"There is no cure for Turner Syndrome and it is important to raise awareness and educate New Jersey about this disease that only affects women," said Angelini. "Having February designated as Turner Syndrome Awareness Month provides an opportunity to help those affected by this disease by encouraging early diagnosis and providing information on treatment options."

The measure, AJR-65 requires the Governor annually issue a proclamation to recognize February as "Turner Syndrome Awareness Month" and calls on public officials and residents of New Jersey to observe this month by providing activities and programs to gain a better grasp on this disease.

"I am hopeful that programs and activities throughout the state will help people throughout New Jersey become knowledgeable about this condition which affects 1,000 baby girls born each year," said Angelini. "Early diagnosis and treatment is crucial to helping women cope with this disease in a way that minimizes the serious affects on their health and quality of life."

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