

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 1550

Designating October 23, 2024, as “AADC Deficiency Awareness Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 22, 2024

Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. LYNCH) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

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Awareness Day”.

Whereas a rare disease is a disease or disorder that affects a small number of patients, currently defined as a condition that affects fewer than 200,000 people in the United States at any given time;

Whereas there are more than 7,000 rare diseases that altogether affect an estimated 25 million to 30 million people in the United States;

Whereas children make up more than half of the estimated 25 million to 35 million people in the United States living with a rare disease;

Whereas Aromatic L-Amino Acid Decarboxylase (“AADC”) Deficiency is a genetic neurologic rare disease that severely debilitates a patient’s development, motor skills,

growth, cognitive and language skills, and limits a patient's life;

Whereas AADC Deficiency results from an inherited genetic disease where patients lack the AADC enzyme required to create dopamine, without which, patients will never achieve motor milestones like holding their heads up, sitting, and standing, nor will they develop the ability to communicate or perform the most basic life functions;

Whereas patients are diagnosed through genetic and other biochemical tests;

Whereas patients suffering from AADC Deficiency often have unexplained low muscle tone and experience other symptoms like developmental delays and involuntary eye movements;

Whereas there have been approximately 200 cases of AADC Deficiency reported worldwide;

Whereas AADC Deficiency is often mistaken for other diseases like cerebral palsy, epilepsy, or autism;

Whereas the Congress can raise awareness of AADC Deficiency in the public and medical community in the United States;

Whereas awareness of AADC Deficiency will help patients who may be experiencing the symptoms of AADC Deficiency recognize their disease and pursue appropriate treatment; and

Whereas improved awareness and education around AADC Deficiency will increase medical representation for individuals suffering from AADC Deficiency: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

- 1 (1) designates “AADC Deficiency Awareness
- 2 Day”; and
- 3 (2) recognizes the importance of improving
- 4 awareness and education around AADC Deficiency.

