

## **Resolution Declaring [STATE] Trauma Awareness Day**

*Whereas, a traumatic injury is a blunt force or penetrating physical injury that requires surgical and other medical specialists to consult, observe or perform surgery in order to optimize recovery*

*Whereas, a trauma system involves the coordination of trauma care delivery among trauma centers, ambulances, helicopters, state and local governments and other healthcare resources;*

*Whereas, trauma centers are classified as Level I - IV dependent upon the amount of equipment, staff, and care provided;*

*Whereas, traumatic injury is the leading cause of death for people under age 45;*

*Whereas, treating severely injured patients at trauma centers reduces mortality by more than 25 percent;*

*Whereas, at \$72 billion annually, traumatic injuries have exceeded heart conditions and cancer as the most costly medical conditions to treat;*

*[INSERT STATE SPECIFIC TRAUMA STATISTIC]; and*

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*Now, therefore, be it resolved that the [INSERT ORGANIZATION] urges Congress to declare [INSERT DATE] as Trauma Awareness Day in the state of [INSERT STATE], and be it further*

*Resolved, that members of the [INSERT STATE] General Assembly shall continue to support and foster efforts to promote and provide for effective trauma care in the state of [INSERT STATE].*

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