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GREETINGS:

It is my pleasure to join with the commonwealth's medical professionals, families, parents, researchers, and advocates to support the month of November 2018 as Alpha-1 Awareness Month.

Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency is a common and serious hereditary disorder that can result in life-threatening liver and lung disease. Alpha-1 has been identified in nearly all populations and ages. It is estimated that 100,000 children and adults in the United States have been affected by this condition. The Alpha-1 Foundation provides the public with education about this commonly misdiagnosed illness, raising awareness about the need for early intervention and inspiring additional medical research. I commend all those endeavoring to offer support and vital resources for those currently afflicted. It is my hope that the designation of November 2018 as Alpha-1 Awareness Month will encourage our citizens to join the efforts to educate American communities and healthcare professionals about the real scope and impact of this disease.

As Governor, and on behalf of all the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I am pleased to support November 2018 as Alpha-1 Awareness Month. Please accept my best wishes for continued success in your mission.



Tom Wolf
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