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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 10, 2016, as "National Youth HIV & AIDS  
2 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United  
4 States: Updated to 2020, released in July 2015, reflects recent  
5 scientific developments and calls for collective action to  
6 reduce new HIV infections, increase access to care, improve  
7 health outcomes, address related health disparities and attain a  
8 more coordinated national response; and

9 WHEREAS, The national strategy further prioritizes the  
10 reduction of HIV infection among youths; and

11 WHEREAS, The particular burden and impact of HIV/AIDS among  
12 young people is a focus of "National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness  
13 Day," an annual observance sponsored by the nonprofit  
14 organization Advocates for Youth; and

15 WHEREAS, Many young people now living with HIV were born with  
16 the virus; and

1       WHEREAS, An estimated 1,000 young people in the United States  
2 become aware of their HIV-positive status each month; and

3       WHEREAS, Hundreds more HIV-positive adolescents and young  
4 adults do not know that they are infected; and

5       WHEREAS, "National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day" highlights  
6 the contributions of young people in the fight against HIV/AIDS,  
7 including their definitive actions to prevent HIV exposure and  
8 transmission; and

9       WHEREAS, Young people in our communities have earned  
10 recognition for their participation in evidence-based HIV  
11 prevention strategies, their efforts to combat HIV-related bias  
12 and discrimination and their pursuit of universal access to  
13 quality care; therefore be it

14       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April  
15 10, 2016, as "National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day" in  
16 Pennsylvania.