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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Observing April 7, 2004, as "World Health Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization has designated April  
3 7, 2004, as "World Health Day"; and

4 WHEREAS, The theme of the 2004 "World Health Day" is road  
5 safety; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 42,000 Americans die in motor vehicle  
7 crashes every year; and

8 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth more than 1,500 people are  
9 killed every year in motor vehicle crashes at a cost of \$8  
10 billion; and

11 WHEREAS, Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death  
12 for people 1 to 34 years of age and are one of the top ten  
13 causes of death for people at any age; and

14 WHEREAS, Death and injury from motor vehicle crashes may be  
15 significantly reduced by greater public awareness and

1 enforcement of traffic safety laws; and

2 WHEREAS, In the past 26 years in the United States, the use  
3 of seat belts has saved 135,000 lives, prevented millions of  
4 injuries and saved \$585 billion in medical and other costs; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 7,000 lives would be saved every year if  
6 everyone in a motor vehicle consistently wore a seat belt; and

7 WHEREAS, The American Automobile Association and other safety  
8 groups are emphasizing the importance of seat belt use in 2004;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Individual actions such as using seat belts, obeying  
11 traffic laws, avoiding distracted driving and knowing personal  
12 driving limits will reduce traffic crashes and injuries;  
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate observe April 7, 2004, as "World  
15 Health Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage all citizens to drive  
16 safely and obey all rules of the road to prevent injury and loss  
17 of life.