

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the period from May 6 through 13, 2006, as "SAFE
2 KIDS Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Drowning is the second leading cause of
4 unintentional injury-related death among children ages 1 to 14;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Drowning was the cause of death of 838 children
7 under 14 years of age in 2002; and

8 WHEREAS, More than half of drownings among children ages 1 to
9 4 are pool-related; and

10 WHEREAS, Nearly 2,400 children under 14 years of age were
11 treated in hospital emergency rooms for unintentional drowning-
12 related incidents in 2004; and

13 WHEREAS, Childhood drownings and near-drownings can happen in
14 a matter of seconds; and

15 WHEREAS, As many as 20% of near-drowning survivors suffer
16 severe, permanent neurological disability; and

1 WHEREAS, Other risks in pool, hot tub and spa environments
2 include body entrapment, hair entanglement and evisceration or
3 disembowelment; and

4 WHEREAS, From 1985 to 2004, 34 children under 14 years of age
5 died as a result of pool or hot tub entrapment, and hair-related
6 entrapments caused 41% of these deaths; and

7 WHEREAS, From 1985 to 2004, more than 130 children under 14
8 years of age were injured as a result of pool or hot tub
9 entrapment; and

10 WHEREAS, Safe Kids Worldwide, in partnership with founding
11 sponsor Johnson & Johnson, is launching a swimming pool, hot tub
12 and spa safety initiative called "Safe Pools for Safe Kids" to
13 protect children from drowning, entrapment, entanglement and
14 evisceration risks; and

15 WHEREAS, Safe Kids Pennsylvania is holding community outreach
16 events during "Safe Kids Week" to promote "Safe Pools for Safe
17 Kids"; and

18 WHEREAS, Citizens throughout this Commonwealth will hear the
19 important message of "Safe Kids Week" relating to safe pool, hot
20 tub and spa environments and the use of fences or other
21 barriers, door alarms, pool alarms and drain covers; and

22 WHEREAS, "Safe Kids Week" includes a nationwide public
23 education campaign and the release of a research report about
24 parental perceptions of drowning prevention to assist in the
25 overall mission of Safe Kids Worldwide and Safe Kids
26 Pennsylvania: keeping kids safe; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the period from May 6
28 through 13, 2006, as "SAFE KIDS Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it
29 further

30 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage all residents of this

- 1 Commonwealth to support the efforts and activities of Safe Kids
- 2 Pennsylvania and the "Safe Pools for Safe Kids" program.