
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 219 Session of
2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 18, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2007 as "Foster Care Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The family, a primary source of love, identity,
4 self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our
5 communities and our Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania there are 20,000 children and youth
7 in foster care every day; and

8 WHEREAS, Children and youth in foster care are provided a
9 safe, secure and stable home and a compassionate and nurturing
10 foster family; and

11 WHEREAS, Foster families open their homes and hearts to

1 children whose families are in crisis; and

2 WHEREAS, Foster families play a vital role in helping
3 children and families heal and reconnect and preparing children
4 for successful adulthood; and

5 WHEREAS, Dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster
6 children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth foster parents adopt over 60%
9 of the children in the child welfare system who have had their
10 goal changed to adoption; and

11 WHEREAS, Numerous individuals, public organizations and
12 private organizations are working to increase awareness of the
13 needs of children in foster care or leaving foster care and of
14 the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents; and

15 WHEREAS, The foster care system is only as good as those
16 persons who choose to be part of it; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
18 month of May 2007 as "Foster Care Month" in Pennsylvania and
19 urge all citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on
20 behalf of children in foster care, foster parents and child
21 welfare professionals.