

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 156 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY HICKERNELL, BAKER, BELFANTI, BEYER, BISHOP, BOBACK, BOYD, BRENNAN, BROWN, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CLYMER, COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DELOZIER, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GRUCELA, HELM, HENNESSEY, HESS, HUTCHINSON, KILLION, KORTZ, KULA, MAHONEY, MANDERINO, MANN, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, McCALL, MELIO, MENSCH, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MOUL, MUNDY, MURT, MUSTIO, OBERLANDER, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PARKER, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, QUINN, RAPP, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROCK, ROHRER, ROSS, SAINATO, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SONNEY, STERN, STEVENSON, SWANGER, J. TAYLOR, TRUE, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, WATSON AND YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 17, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 17, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2009 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
12 children whose families are in crisis; and

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

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

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

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

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

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
17 month of May 2009 as "Foster Care Month" in Pennsylvania and
18 urge all citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on
19 behalf of children in foster care, foster parents and child
20 welfare professionals.