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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 378 Session of  
2011

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INTRODUCED BY MANN, BAKER, BOBACK, B. BOYLE, BRADFORD, BRENNAN, BRIGGS, BROOKS, V. BROWN, BROWNLEE, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, D. COSTA, DALEY, DeLUCA, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FLECK, GEIST, GEORGE, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRELL, HARHART, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, KULA, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MARSICO, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MURT, M. O'BRIEN, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROSS, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SONNEY, STERN, SWANGER, THOMAS, VEREB, YOUNGBLOOD AND HAHN, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

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A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring September 2011 as "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, commonly known as  
4 FASD, is the leading known cause of intellectual disabilities  
5 and birth defects in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, One out of every 100 live births in the United  
7 States results in a child with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder,  
8 commonly known as FASD; and

9 WHEREAS, Six to eight billion dollars is spent each year  
10 treating the consequences of FASD; and

11 WHEREAS, FASD includes Fetal Alcohol Syndrome,  
12 Alcohol-Related Neuro-Developmental Disorder and Alcohol-Related  
13 Birth Defects; and

14 WHEREAS, FASD can result in central nervous system damage,

1 growth deficiency, functional and cognitive impairments,  
2 physical defects and mental abnormalities; and

3 WHEREAS, Education can help inform the public about  
4 prevention and consequences; and

5 WHEREAS, The Institute of Medicine has declared that of all  
6 the substances of abuse, alcohol produces by far the most  
7 serious neurobehavioral effects in the fetus; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
9 month of September 2011 as "Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder  
10 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.