
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 426 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY VANCE, BAKER, McGARRIGLE, MENSCH, COSTA, SABATINA,
AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, BROWNE, EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, KILLION,
RESCHENTHALER, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, WARD, BREWSTER,
DINNIMAN, FARNESE, FONTANA, KITCHEN, TEPLITZ AND TARTAGLIONE,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 17, 2016, as "Children's Grief Awareness
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Children who have had a loved one die, especially a
4 close family member, can carry that loss within them forever,
5 and it sometimes causes confusion in their minds as to why their
6 loved one was taken away; and

7 WHEREAS, Highmark Caring Place is a center for grieving
8 children, adolescents and their families, and there are four
9 Caring Place centers throughout this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, Some families regard Highmark Caring Place centers
11 as the salvation of their family unit, a place where, above all,
12 they can find comfort, understanding and help in times of grief;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Highmark Caring Place established "Children's Grief
15 Awareness Day" in this Commonwealth in 2008 in order to help
16 others understand the impact of death on children and their need

1 for support; and

2 WHEREAS, "Children's Grief Awareness Day" is observed every
3 year on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, immediately preceding
4 the winter holidays which can be a particularly difficult time
5 for grieving children; and

6 WHEREAS, A simple way to participate is to encourage as many
7 people as possible to wear blue on "Children's Grief Awareness
8 Day" as a symbol of support; and

9 WHEREAS, The Caring Team for Grieving Children is an
10 initiative of Highmark Caring Place which encompasses hundreds
11 of schools, businesses and community partners working together
12 to increase a common awareness of the needs of grieving
13 children; and

14 WHEREAS, This year, on November 17, 2016, Caring Team for
15 Grieving Children schools, along with children and adults from
16 all walks of life from across this Commonwealth, will join
17 together with thousands of others nationally and internationally
18 to show their support for grieving children by participating in
19 "Children's Grief Awareness Day"; and

20 WHEREAS, The Senate applauds the work being accomplished by
21 the Highmark Caring Place and the Caring Team for Grieving
22 Children schools across this Commonwealth; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate November 17, 2016, as
24 "Children's Grief Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.