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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 17, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 14 through 20, 2017, as "National  
2 Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Prevention Week" is dedicated to  
4 increasing public awareness of and action around substance abuse  
5 and mental health issues; and

6 WHEREAS, "National Prevention Week" is sponsored annually by  
7 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
8 (SAMHSA); and

9 WHEREAS, During "National Prevention Week," each day observes  
10 a different health-related theme to bring attention and  
11 awareness to a specific behavioral health issue; and

12 WHEREAS, The daily themes for "National Prevention Week" 2017  
13 are as follows:

- 14 (1) Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use.  
15 (2) Prevention of Underage Drinking and Alcohol Misuse.  
16 (3) Prevention of Prescription and Opioid Drug Misuse.

1           (4) Prevention of Illicit Drug Use and Youth Marijuana  
2       Use.

3           (5) Prevention of Suicide.

4           (6) Promotion of Mental Health and Wellness;

5       and

6       WHEREAS, "National Prevention Week" is held each year during  
7       the third week of May, near the start of summer; and

8       WHEREAS, The timing of "National Prevention Week" corresponds  
9       with many celebrations and recreational activities, such as  
10      graduation parties, proms, weddings, sporting events and outdoor  
11      activities, where substance use and abuse can happen; and

12      WHEREAS, Near the kickoff to summer, "National Prevention  
13      Week" allows schools to participate in prevention-themed events  
14      before the end of the school year and raise awareness among  
15      students of all ages; and

16      WHEREAS, According to SAMHSA, the primary goals of "National  
17      Prevention Week" are as follows:

18           (1) Involving communities in raising awareness of  
19           behavioral health issues and in implementing prevention  
20           strategies.

21           (2) Fostering partnerships and collaboration with  
22           Federal agencies and national organizations dedicated to  
23           behavioral and public health.

24           (3) Promoting and disseminating quality behavioral  
25           health resources and publications;

26      and

27      WHEREAS, In order to achieve these goals, community  
28      organizations across the country host health fairs, block  
29      parties, educational assemblies, town hall meetings, memorial  
30      walks, social media campaigns and outdoor events during

1 "National Prevention Week" to help raise public awareness of  
2 substance abuse and mental health issues; therefore be it  
3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
4 week of May 14 through 20, 2017, as "National Prevention Week"  
5 in Pennsylvania.