

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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JOHNSON-HARRELL, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2019 as "Halloween Safety  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Parents, neighborhood associations and local  
4 officials must consider child safety when planning, conducting  
5 or participating in Halloween observances; and

6 WHEREAS, Whether walking or driving, families should preplan  
7 a familiar trick-or-treating route; and

8 WHEREAS, Traffic safety guidelines and situational awareness  
9 are important as trick-or-treaters navigate streets and  
10 intersections going door-to-door; and

11 WHEREAS, To make Halloween a happy occasion and ensure that  
12 children stay as safe as possible, families should review  
13 hazards and age-appropriate safety skills; and

14 WHEREAS, Speeding cars, low visibility and injuries from  
15 sharp objects while pumpkin carving or trick-or-treating are  
16 known hazards; and

17 WHEREAS, Darting or running into the road and tripping or

1 falling while wearing a mask or ill-fitting costume are other  
2 known hazards; and

3 WHEREAS, Children should trick-or-treat in groups, supervised  
4 by a responsible adult; and

5 WHEREAS, Flashlights or glow sticks and reflective material  
6 on a child's costume increase visibility; and

7 WHEREAS, Halloween safety includes avoiding open flames and  
8 other heat sources; and

9 WHEREAS, To avoid risks of tampering and food allergies,  
10 adults must inspect all candy before children can eat any of it;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Awareness of safety risks and precautions is  
13 essential for enjoyable Halloween experiences for children,  
14 families and communities in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
16 month of October 2019 as "Halloween Safety Month" in  
17 Pennsylvania.