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A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming the month of October 1988 as "Choice For Me...Drug
2 Free" month.

3 WHEREAS, Illicit drug and alcohol abuse has reached epidemic
4 proportions and is of major concern to all Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, Illegal drug and alcohol use is a major public
6 health threat and is one of the largest causes of preventable
7 disease, disability and death in the United States today; and

8 WHEREAS, Drug and alcohol abuse cost American society nearly
9 \$100 billion a year in lost productivity; and

10 WHEREAS, Illegal drug use does not discriminate on the basis
11 of age, gender or socioeconomic status as evidenced by the
12 following statistics:

13 (1) twenty-three million Americans age twelve and over
14 currently use illicit drugs;

15 (2) a nationwide Weekly Reader survey revealed that, of
16 the 68,000 fourth graders polled, 34% reported peer pressure
17 to try wine coolers, 41% to smoke and 24% to use crack or

1 cocaine; and

2 (3) the fifteen to twenty-four year old age group is
3 dying at a faster rate than any other age group because of
4 accidents, homicides and suicides, many of which are related
5 to drug and alcohol abuse; and

6 WHEREAS, The American people indicate that drug abuse is one
7 of the most serious domestic problems facing this Nation
8 according to public opinion polls, and they have begun to take
9 steps to fight it; and

10 WHEREAS, A national campaign promoting a "Drug Free America"
11 during the month of October 1988 will be celebrated throughout
12 the United States, including designation of the week of October
13 24 through 30, 1988, as "Drug Free America Week", symbolized by
14 wearing the color red to demonstrate commitment to a healthy,
15 drug free lifestyle; and

16 WHEREAS, Counties throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
17 will support the rest of the United States in recognizing and
18 promoting the concept of "The Choice For Me...Drug Free";
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
21 month of October 1988 as "Choice For Me...Drug Free" month in
22 recognition of and support of the participation of concerned
23 parents, educators, business leaders, private sector
24 organizations and government leaders efforts towards a "Drug
25 Free America."