## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 242 

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## A RESOLUTION

Designating January 15 through February 15, 1992, as "Alcohol
Information Month" in Pennsylvania.
WHEREAS, Alcohol abuse is the single greatest substancespecific problem in this Commonwealth, directly affecting between $11 \%$ and $16 \%$ of the population; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated by the Congressional Office of Technology that alcohol abuse and misuse may cost the Nation as much as $\$ 120$ billion annually in terms of lost production, medical costs, motor vehicle accidents, fire losses and violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol is related to one-half of all traffic deaths, one-third each of all traffic injuries, suicides and crimes and more than two-thirds of all drownings; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol use is associated with a large percentage of teenage pregnancies and is also associated with the alarming rate of teenage suicide; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol abuse has been linked to a variety of social problems, such as violence, homelessness, crime and increased health costs; and

WHEREAS, Efforts at alerting and educating the public about the dangers of alcohol abuse can have a significant positive effect in lessening this alarming problem; therefore be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend United Mental Health and its Special Advisory Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs for its efforts to combat alcohol abuse and designate January 15 through February 15, 1992, as "Alcohol Information Month" in Pennsylvania.

