

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming the month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness  
2 Month."

3 WHEREAS, Domestic violence is the most common crime in  
4 America today, affecting 3 million to 4 million women a year;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, According to FBI statistics, a woman is beaten every  
7 18 seconds; and

8 WHEREAS, Battering is the single major cause of injury to  
9 women, exceeding rape, mugging and automobile accidents; and

10 WHEREAS, Women are seven times more likely than husbands to  
11 murder in self-defense but are less likely to be acquitted; and

12 WHEREAS, Family violence is also a vicious cycle; and

13 WHEREAS, Sixty percent of batterers grew up in violent homes  
14 and half of all wife-beating cases also involve abuse of  
15 children; and

16 WHEREAS, Domestic violence cuts across all economic,  
17 educational, racial and religious lines; and

1       WHEREAS, While public awareness of the problem of domestic  
2 violence has increased in recent years, domestic violence  
3 remains a serious threat to the stability of our society;  
4 therefore be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
6 month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month."