
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 15, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2005 as "Foster Care Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The family, a primary source of love, identity,
4 self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our
5 communities and our Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania there are approximately 10,374
7 children and youths in foster care with nonrelatives; and

8 WHEREAS, An additional 4,430 children and youths are in
9 foster care with relatives; and

10 WHEREAS, Children and youths in foster care are provided a

1 safe, secure and stable home and a compassionate and nurturing
2 foster family; and

3 WHEREAS, Foster families open their homes and hearts to
4 children whose families are in crisis; and

5 WHEREAS, Foster families play a vital role in helping
6 children and families heal and reconnect and preparing children
7 for successful adulthood; and

8 WHEREAS, Dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster
9 children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth foster parents adopt over 60%
12 of the children in the child welfare system who have had their
13 goal changed to adoption; and

14 WHEREAS, Numerous individuals, public organizations and
15 private organizations are working to increase awareness of the
16 needs of children in foster care or leaving foster care and of
17 the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents; and

18 WHEREAS, The foster care system is only as good as those
19 persons who choose to be part of it; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
21 month of May 2005 as "Foster Care Month" in Pennsylvania and
22 urge all citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on
23 behalf of children in foster care, foster parents and child
24 welfare professionals.