
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 428 Session of
2005

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HENNESSEY, MILLARD, RAMALEY AND REICHLEY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2005 as "Pregnancy and Infant
2 Loss Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each year approximately 1 million pregnancies in the
4 United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
7 Prevention, the national infant mortality rate increased in 2002
8 for the first time in four decades, rising from 6.8 infant
9 deaths per 1,000 live births to 7.0; and

10 WHEREAS, The 2002 infant mortality rate in Pennsylvania was
11 7.6 per 1,000 live births; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's infant mortality rate is routinely

1 higher than the national average; and

2 WHEREAS, The availability of information and support is of
3 utmost importance to the families who suffer the loss of an
4 infant; and

5 WHEREAS, A public that is informed and educated about
6 pregnancy and infant loss can better learn how to respond with
7 compassion to affected families; and

8 WHEREAS, Professionals who come in contact with families who
9 have suffered pregnancy or infant loss, such as physicians,
10 clergy, emergency medical technicians, funeral directors, police
11 officers, public health nurses and employers, can better serve
12 families if they have special training and better knowledge of
13 pregnancy and infant loss; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
15 month of October 2005 as "Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness
16 Month" in Pennsylvania.