

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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J. EVANS, OCTOBER 31, 2005

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 31, 2005

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 29 through November 4, 2005, as  
2 "Missing Persons Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The National Crime Information Center reported that  
4 there were more than 876,000 adults and children reported  
5 missing in 2000; and

6 WHEREAS, Because most missing persons cases rarely make  
7 headlines or the evening news, the general public remains  
8 unaware of the scope and seriousness of the issue; and

9 WHEREAS, This lack of awareness disproportionately occurs in  
10 missing persons cases involving minorities or low-income  
11 individuals; and

12 WHEREAS, Further focus on missing persons cases will offer  
13 instruction and guidance to police, families and elected

1 officials on raising awareness of the issues surrounding missing  
2 persons; and

3 WHEREAS, Additional concentration on missing persons cases  
4 often provides local authorities with the volunteer aid, such as  
5 neighbors, civic groups and town watches, needed to find a  
6 missing person; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
8 week of October 29 through November 4, 2005, as "Missing Persons  
9 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.