

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 256 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, TOOHL, BAKER, BARRAR, BISHOP, BRADFORD, BRENNAN, R. BROWN, V. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CLYMER, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, CUTLER, DAVIS, DeLUCA, DiGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, ELLIS, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FLECK, FREEMAN, GABLER, GEIST, GEORGE, GILLEN, GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRELL, GROVE, HAHN, HARHART, HEFFLEY, HELM, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, JOHNSON, KAVULICH, KILLION, KIRKLAND, KNOWLES, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MAJOR, MALONEY, MANN, MARSHALL, MARSICO, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MOUL, MURPHY, MURT, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PASHINSKI, PAYTON, PICKETT, PYLE, QUINN, RAPP, READSHAW, REESE, REICHLEY, ROCK, ROSS, SACCONI, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, STABACK, STEPHENS, SWANGER, TALLMAN, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, WHITE AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 28, 2011

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 28, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 25, 2011, as "National Missing Children's Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Between 1979 and 1981, a series of high-profile
4 missing children cases became national headlines; and

5 WHEREAS, Three such cases contributed to the shock of the
6 nation's consciousness, bringing attention to the seriousness of
7 child victimization and forever changing the response by law
8 enforcement agencies to reports of missing children; and

9 WHEREAS, The massive search and media attention that followed
10 the disappearance of Etan Patz in 1979 focused the nation's
11 attention on the problem of child abduction and lack of plans to

1 address it; and

2 WHEREAS, From 1979 through 1981, national media attention was
3 focused on Atlanta, Georgia, where 29 bodies of young boys and
4 girls were discovered in lakes, marshes and ponds along roadside
5 trails; and

6 WHEREAS, On July 27, 1981, 6-year-old Adam Walsh disappeared
7 from a Florida shopping mall; and

8 WHEREAS, The tragedies of these children and others exposed a
9 fundamental flaw; and

10 WHEREAS, There was no coordinated effort among Federal, state
11 and local law enforcement, no national response system in place
12 and no central resource to help searching families; and

13 WHEREAS, The momentum that began with the disappearance of
14 Etan, Adam and the 29 missing and murdered children of Atlanta,
15 Georgia, led to photographs of missing children on milk cartons
16 and, ultimately, a nationwide movement; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25
18 as "National Missing Children's Day"; and

19 WHEREAS, "National Missing Children's Day" is a reminder to
20 all parents and guardians of the need for high-quality
21 photographs of their children for use in case of an emergency
22 and for the need for everyone to pay close attention to the
23 posters and photographs of missing children; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 25,
25 2011, as "National Missing Children's Day" in Pennsylvania.