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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2013

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INTRODUCED BY WATERS, CALTAGIRONE, BISHOP, CLAY, MIRABITO,  
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SCHLOSSBERG, LUCAS, MAJOR, ROSS, MURT, MAHONEY, THOMAS,  
GIBBONS, DeLUCA AND GOODMAN, OCTOBER 23, 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 23, 2013

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 7 through 13, 2013, as "National  
2 Midwifery Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This year, National Midwifery Week will be  
4 celebrated during the week of October 7 through 13, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, The American College of Nurse-Midwives,  
6 headquartered in Silver Spring, Maryland, is the official  
7 national organization for the nearly 12,000 certified nurse-  
8 midwives and certified midwives throughout the United States and  
9 the official sponsor of National Midwifery Week on the national  
10 level; and

11 WHEREAS, This national event is an opportunity for women  
12 across the United States to gather for education and celebration  
13 of the health care service provided by midwives; and

14 WHEREAS, Midwives have been a vital and growing part of the  
15 advancement of women's health in Pennsylvania since 1929 and  
16 were collectively responsible for 13,922 births in 2010, or more

1   than 9.7% of all births in Pennsylvania; and

2       WHEREAS, National Midwifery Week acknowledges the important  
3   role midwives play in women's lives. Whether assisting a woman  
4   as she gives birth or providing personalized, well-woman health  
5   care, midwives are truly partners with women in making health  
6   care decisions; therefore be it

7       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
8   week of October 7 through 13, 2013, as "National Midwifery Week"  
9   in Pennsylvania.