

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 2014 as "Pennsylvania's Promise for Children  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Currently, there are approximately 730,000 children  
4 five years of age or younger in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, The quality of a child's experiences before five  
6 years of age shapes the brain architecture and how the child  
7 learns; and

8 WHEREAS, Quality early learning and child development plays a  
9 major role in a child's future success in school and in life;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Young children learn best when they have proper  
12 health and nutrition, a safe and stable family and home life and  
13 activities that stimulate creativity and curiosity; and

14 WHEREAS, Forty years of research shows that children who  
15 receive high quality early education are more likely to be  
16 prepared for and do better in school, graduate high school,  
17 attend college or job training and be better prepared for a  
18 competitive work force; and

1 WHEREAS, Adults who had quality early learning experiences as  
2 children have positive social, economic and health outcomes  
3 which provide long-term benefits to our communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Talking, reading and playing with children beginning  
5 at birth builds the language, math and social skills they need  
6 to be ready for kindergarten; and

7 WHEREAS, A child's family and trusted adults play a critical  
8 role in the child's development; and

9 WHEREAS, Choosing quality early learning programs such as  
10 Keystone STARS, Pre-K Counts, Head Start, Early Intervention,  
11 Nurse-Family Partnership and Parent-Child Home Program, which  
12 partner with families and provide children with good teachers  
13 and learning activities, sparks creativity and a love for  
14 learning so children can grow and develop; and

15 WHEREAS, Every \$1 invested in quality early education saves  
16 at least \$7 in special education, public assistance, corrections  
17 and lost taxes; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate October 2014 as  
19 "Pennsylvania's Promise for Children Month" and recognize that  
20 every child in this Commonwealth deserves access to quality  
21 early learning opportunities and that it is the responsibility  
22 of every citizen of this Commonwealth to help our children reach  
23 their promise.