THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 492 Session of

INTRODUCED BY TEPLITZ, KITCHEN, ERICKSON, BAKER, WASHINGTON, SCHWANK, STACK, ALLOWAY, FERLO, KASUNIC, WOZNIAK, RAFFERTY, SMITH, COSTA, FONTANA, PILEGGI, WHITE, TARTAGLIONE, VULAKOVICH, GREENLEAF AND SOLOBAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

- Recognizing the week of October 19 through 25, 2014, as "Safe 1 Schools Week 2014" in Pennsylvania. 2
- 3 WHEREAS, In 1984, the National School Safety Center
- established America Safe Schools Week; and 4
- WHEREAS, Safe Schools Week occurs annually during the third
- full week of October; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Schools make substantial contributions to the future
- 8 of America and to the development of the nation's young people;
- and
- 10 WHEREAS, Schools where all children feel safe, connected and
- 11 valued demonstrate higher rates of student achievement than
- 12 schools with negative social climates; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Students who feel connected to school are less
- 14 likely to experience emotional distress, engage in violence or
- 15 participate in risky behavior than students who feel
- 16 disconnected from school; and
- WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of all citizens to help 17

- 1 promote good citizenship, effective discipline and safe and
- 2 supportive schools; and
- 3 WHEREAS, We recognize organizations committed to developing
- 4 creative and effective solutions to problems that disrupt the
- 5 educational process and affect school safety; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is one of only 20 states in the country
- 7 that has a nationally recognized school safety center focused
- 8 solely on school safety; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The observance of Safe Schools Week in Pennsylvania
- 10 will substantially promote efforts to provide all the schools in
- 11 Pennsylvania with safe and supportive learning climates;
- 12 therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of October 19
- 14 through 25, 2014, as "Safe Schools Week 2014" in Pennsylvania.