## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTION <br> No. <br> 492 <br> Session of <br> 2014

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 Schools Week 2014" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, In 1984, the National School Safety Center established America Safe Schools Week; and

WHEREAS, Safe Schools Week occurs annually during the third full week of October; and

WHEREAS, Schools make substantial contributions to the future of America and to the development of the nation's young people; and

WHEREAS, Schools where all children feel safe, connected and valued demonstrate higher rates of student achievement than schools with negative social climates; and

WHEREAS, Students who feel connected to school are less likely to experience emotional distress, engage in violence or participate in risky behavior than students who feel
disconnected from school; and
WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of all citizens to help
promote good citizenship, effective discipline and safe and supportive schools; and

WHEREAS, We recognize organizations committed to developing creative and effective solutions to problems that disrupt the educational process and affect school safety; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is one of only 20 states in the country that has a nationally recognized school safety center focused solely on school safety; and

WHEREAS, The observance of Safe Schools Week in Pennsylvania will substantially promote efforts to provide all the schools in Pennsylvania with safe and supportive learning climates; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of October 19 through 25, 2014, as "Safe Schools Week 2014" in Pennsylvania.

