

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of July 13 through 19, 2015, as "National
2 Youth Sports Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The National Council of Youth Sports (NCYS) was
4 founded in 1979 to represent the amateur youth sports industry;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, NCYS membership serves 60 million boys and girls in
7 organized sports each year; and

8 WHEREAS, The mission of NCYS is to strengthen individuals,
9 families and the community by promoting participation in youth
10 sports through advocacy and education; and

11 WHEREAS, There are numerous benefits to youth sports such as
12 building self-esteem, building self-respect, maintaining healthy
13 bones, muscles and joints, providing social interaction,
14 developing talent, encouraging fitness, teaching sportsmanship
15 and teamwork, providing leadership opportunities, fostering a
16 sense of community and teaching time management; and

17 WHEREAS, Participation in sports is an important
18 sociocultural learning experience for many young people; and

1 WHEREAS, Youth sports programs educate children on the
2 benefits of teamwork and help foster confidence in participants;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, NCYS programs are well known for promoting safe
5 environments and healthy lifestyles; and

6 WHEREAS, NCYS has emphasized a focus on physical activity,
7 living healthy, access, youth development and safety, known as
8 P.L.A.Y.S.; and

9 WHEREAS, Adult participation in youth sports programs is also
10 extremely important as adults serve as coaches, athletic
11 directors, recreation directors, sponsors and parents; and

12 WHEREAS, The benefits of youth sports programs to children
13 and adults are so vast that the Commonwealth has an interest in
14 ensuring that participation continues; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of July 13
16 through 19, 2015, as "National Youth Sports Week" in
17 Pennsylvania.