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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WHITE, BOSCOLA, ARGALL, GREENLEAF, SABATINA,  
BREWSTER, FARNESE, DINNIMAN, MENSCH, FONTANA, WARD, SCARNATI,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 12, 2017, as "Drugs Kill Dreams, Opioid  
2 Alert Day" in Pennsylvania to raise the level of prevention  
3 and awareness regarding opioids and to encourage full  
4 participation in education, prevention, treatment, recovery  
5 and law enforcement throughout the year.

6 WHEREAS, Research shows that a proactive approach works to  
7 reduce substance abuse among young adults if they are part of a  
8 community-based prevention effort while still in elementary and  
9 middle school; and

10 WHEREAS, A drug prevention program was established in 1994 by  
11 Armstrong County Magisterial District Judge, J. Gary DeComo, and  
12 was later renamed "Drugs Kill Dreams" in 2000; and

13 WHEREAS, The mission of the "Drugs Kill Dreams" program is to  
14 increase drug and alcohol prevention awareness in schools and  
15 communities throughout western Pennsylvania, adhering to a  
16 strong belief that if prevention is increased, addiction and  
17 crimes committed by individuals with addictions will decrease;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, "Drugs Kill Dreams, Opioid Alert Day" joins with

1 similar programs across this Commonwealth, such as "Too Good for  
2 Drugs," "Guiding Good Choices" and "PROSPER" that partner with  
3 schools, churches and other community organizations to share  
4 education materials and prevention messages, with the goal of  
5 stopping drug and alcohol addiction and abuse before it begins  
6 and encouraging youngsters to live healthy, respectful and  
7 responsible lives; and

8 WHEREAS, Opioid abuse has reached epidemic proportions so all  
9 Pennsylvanians need to be educated to prevent addiction;  
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize February 12, 2017, as  
12 "Drugs Kill Dreams, Opioid Alert Day," in Pennsylvania to raise  
13 the level of prevention awareness regarding opioids and to  
14 encourage full participation in education, prevention,  
15 treatment, recovery and law enforcement throughout the year.