THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BROWNE, COSTA, KILLION, BOSCOLA, BARTOLOTTA, RESCHENTHALER, GREENLEAF, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, SABATINA, FONTANA, FARNESE, BREWSTER, SCAVELLO AND TEPLITZ, OCTOBER 25, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

- Designating the week of October 31 through November 4, 2016, as "No Place for Hate Week" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) was founded in
- 4 October 1913 to fight anti-Semitism and to "secure justice and
- 5 fair treatment to all"; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Now as one of the nation's premier civil rights and
- 7 human relations agencies, ADL continues the fight against anti-
- 8 Semitism and all forms of bigotry, defends democratic ideals and
- 9 protects civil rights for all; and
- 10 WHEREAS, As part of the organization's efforts, the "No Place
- 11 for Hate" program was established as an outreach initiative
- 12 designed to empower schools and communities to challenge racism,
- 13 hatred, anti-Semitism and bigotry; and
- 14 WHEREAS, By reducing bias and increasing appreciation for
- 15 diversity, the "No Place for Hate" program is an innovative and
- 16 powerful method for building communities of respect; and
- 17 WHEREAS, This crucial program is operational in over 200

- 1 schools, organizations and communities throughout this
- 2 Commonwealth; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The "No Place for Hate" program has proven to be an
- 4 invaluable resource to communities throughout this Commonwealth;
- 5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, "No Place for Hate" projects in communities and
- 7 schools in this Commonwealth have taken the form of candlelight
- 8 vigils, surveys in middle schools and high schools, teacher and
- 9 student training, panel discussions on bullying, mural projects,
- 10 rapid response teams, marches, speeches and talent shows where
- 11 performers have presented original pieces based on the "No Place
- 12 for Hate" theme; and
- 13 WHEREAS, "No Place for Hate" is celebrating its 10th
- 14 anniversary in Pennsylvania and is currently active in 220
- 15 schools and organizations throughout eastern Pennsylvania,
- 16 southern New Jersey and Delaware; and
- 17 WHEREAS, While its work is far from done, ADL should be proud
- 18 of its well-received "No Place for Hate" program and outstanding
- 19 contributions to the understanding and tolerance that exist
- 20 today; therefore be it
- 21 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of October 31
- 22 through November 4, 2016, as "No Place for Hate Week" in
- 23 Pennsylvania.