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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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VITALI, OCTOBER 11, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 11, 2017

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2017 as "Community Planning  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Change is constant and affects all cities, towns,  
4 suburbs, counties, boroughs, townships, rural areas and other  
5 places; and

6 WHEREAS, Community planning and plans can help manage this  
7 change in a way that provides better choices for how people work  
8 and live; and

9 WHEREAS, The full benefits of planning requires public  
10 officials and residents who understand, support and demand  
11 excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

12 WHEREAS, Community planning provides an opportunity for all  
13 residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that  
14 determine the future of their community; and

15 WHEREAS, Community planning has a long history in this  
16 Commonwealth and dates back to William Penn's plan for

1 Philadelphia; and

2 WHEREAS, More than 10,000 residents serve on municipal  
3 planning commissions in this Commonwealth, working with public  
4 and private sector professional planners to enhance the quality  
5 of life in our communities; and

6 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning  
7 Association is holding its annual Statewide conference in the  
8 State College region October 22 through 24, 2017; and

9 WHEREAS, The month of October is designated as "National  
10 Community Planning Month" throughout the United States and its  
11 territories; and

12 WHEREAS, The American Planning Association and its  
13 professional institute, the American Institute of Certified  
14 Planners, endorse "National Community Planning Month" in order  
15 to highlight the contributions that planning and plan  
16 implementation make to the quality of our communities and our  
17 environment; and

18 WHEREAS, The celebration of "National Community Planning  
19 Month" gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the  
20 participation and dedication of the members of planning  
21 commissioners and other resident planners; and

22 WHEREAS, We recognize the many valuable contributions made by  
23 professional community planners and professional regional  
24 planners, working in the public and private sectors in this  
25 Commonwealth and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued  
26 commitment to public service by these professionals; therefore  
27 be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
29 month of October 2017 as "Community Planning Month" in  
30 Pennsylvania.