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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 950 Session of  
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SOLOMON, SONNEY, STURLA, THOMAS, WARD, YOUNGBLOOD, ZIMMERMAN  
AND MURT, JUNE 4, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 4, 2018

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2018 as "Foster Care Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The family, a primary source of love, identity,  
4 self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our  
5 communities and our Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania in 2016, there were approximately  
7 24,543 children and youth in foster care that were served by  
8 resource families; and

9 WHEREAS, Children and youth in foster care are provided a  
10 safe, secure and stable home and a compassionate and nurturing  
11 foster family; and

12 WHEREAS, Foster families open their homes and hearts to  
13 children whose families are in crisis; and

14 WHEREAS, Foster families play a vital role in helping

1 children and families heal and reconnect and in preparing  
2 children for successful adulthood; and

3 WHEREAS, Dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster  
4 children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth foster parents adopt more than  
7 60% of the children in the child welfare system who have had  
8 their goal changed to adoption; and

9 WHEREAS, Numerous individuals, public organizations and  
10 private organizations are working to increase awareness of the  
11 needs of children in foster care or leaving foster care and of  
12 the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents; and

13 WHEREAS, The foster care system is only as good as those  
14 individuals who choose to be part of it; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
16 month of May 2018 as "Foster Care Month" in Pennsylvania and  
17 urge all residents to volunteer their talents and energies on  
18 behalf of children in foster care, foster parents and child  
19 welfare professionals.