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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY DINNIMAN, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, BLAKE, FONTANA,  
BARTOLOTTA, BREWSTER, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, SABATINA AND  
SCHWANK, JUNE 22, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of August 6 through 10, 2018, as "YMCA  
2 Advocacy Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania maintains more YMCAs than any other  
4 state in the United States, with 68 associations and 105 branch  
5 locations; and

6 WHEREAS, The YMCA is a charitable, nonprofit organization  
7 committed to ensuring no individual will be denied services or  
8 participation in YMCA programs, including child care, day and  
9 summer camps or YMCA membership, because of economic hardship;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania YMCAs have more than 700,000 members  
12 and more than 180,000 individuals participating in programs and  
13 services for children and families, teens and older adults; and

14 WHEREAS, The YMCA promotes youth development, healthy living  
15 and social responsibility in a variety of programs and services  
16 to more than one million people of all ages, backgrounds, faiths  
17 and income levels; and

1       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania YMCAs are the largest child-care  
2 service providers in this Commonwealth, subsidizing the care of  
3 1 in 5 children, which service is valued at more than \$11  
4 million; and

5       WHEREAS, YMCAs provide long-term and short-term housing to  
6 fight homelessness in this Commonwealth; and

7       WHEREAS, YMCAs depend on the outstanding efforts of more than  
8 34,000 volunteers who provide valuable community services across  
9 this Commonwealth, including serving as child-care aides, swim  
10 instructors, tutors, mentors, coaches, chaperones and advocates,  
11 with volunteer hours exceeding \$740,000 in value; and

12       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania YMCAs emphasize and maintain the core  
13 values of honesty, caring, respect and responsibility in all  
14 operations; and

15       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania YMCAs uphold the standards of  
16 accountability, ethics, responsibility and transparency  
17 entrusted upon them by the public as charitable organizations,  
18 standing as leaders of the nonprofit community; therefore be it

19       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of August 6  
20 through 10, 2018, as "YMCA Advocacy Week" in Pennsylvania.