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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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OCTOBER 16, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 21 through 27, 2018, as "Teen  
2 Driver Safety Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Teen Driver Safety Week" is recognized across the  
4 United States to raise awareness and importance of teen driver  
5 safety; and

6 WHEREAS, Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death  
7 for teens 15 to 18 years of age in the United States, ahead of  
8 all other types of injury, disease or violence; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2017, there were 40 fatalities involving teens  
10 16 to 17 years of age and 36,158 young drivers 16 to 20 years of  
11 age were involved in reportable crashes on this Commonwealth's  
12 roadways; and

13 WHEREAS, "Teen Driver Safety Week" provides a great  
14 opportunity for parents and other caregivers to start, and  
15 hopefully continue, having conversations with teens about the  
16 importance of driving safely; and

1       WHEREAS, Parents and other caregivers have the biggest impact  
2 on teens' choices behind the wheel if they take the time to talk  
3 to teens about some of the biggest driving risks, including  
4 alcohol and drugs, seat belts, distracted driving, speeding,  
5 passenger safety and drowsy driving; and

6       WHEREAS, Teens must understand that driving is a privilege,  
7 not a right, and it must always be taken seriously; and

8       WHEREAS, In 2011, the General Assembly advanced significant  
9 legislation known as Pennsylvania's Graduated Driver Licensing  
10 Law, which is proven to cut motor vehicle crashes among teen  
11 drivers by 20% to 40%; and

12       WHEREAS, The General Assembly should review additional  
13 legislation and policy to reverse the trend on motor vehicle  
14 crashes among teen drivers; therefore be it

15       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of October 21  
16 through 27, 2018, as "Teen Driver Safety Week" in Pennsylvania;  
17 and be it further

18       RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all teen drivers in this  
19 Commonwealth to utilize safe driving practices and to obey the  
20 rules of the road.