

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 15, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 15, 2013, as "Pregnancy and Infant Loss
2 Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes the serious
4 toll of pregnancy loss and infant mortality in our communities;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Through public awareness of pregnancy and infant
7 loss we can respond to affected individuals and families with
8 greater compassion and appropriate resources; and

9 WHEREAS, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day unites and
10 supports persons who have experienced loss through miscarriage,
11 stillbirth or neonatal or infant death and further promotes
12 awareness so devastated families do not have to silently grieve
13 their losses; and

14 WHEREAS, Up to 20% of known pregnancies end in miscarriage;
15 and

1 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization has reported that 4.5
2 million stillbirths occur each year worldwide; and

3 WHEREAS, Public health agencies, health care providers and
4 communities must work together to further reduce the infant
5 mortality rate in the United States, where as many as 25,000
6 infants die each year; and

7 WHEREAS, The infant mortality rate in this Commonwealth in
8 2010 was 7.3 per 1,035 live births; and

9 WHEREAS, As individuals and communities we can promote
10 understanding of the incidence of pregnancy and infant loss and
11 the associated burden of grief and commit to appropriately
12 addressing the needs of bereaved parents and family members;
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, acknowledging
15 the anguish of pregnancy or infant loss and the need to
16 facilitate healing in its aftermath, recognize October 15, 2013,
17 as "Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania.