A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the week of November 18 through 24, 2018, as "National Family Week" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving week, when families traditionally gather or reunite, is an appropriate time to acknowledge the strength and diversity of family relationships in our society; and

WHEREAS, Throughout our nation and this Commonwealth, family members take care of loved ones, work hard, live responsibly and contribute to neighborhoods and communities; and

WHEREAS, Working together, families and communities thrive when responsibilities and resources are shared and connections are fostered; and

WHEREAS, Federal, State and local agencies and community organizations have a long history of helping families improve their circumstances during difficult times and ensuring that children and adults reach their highest potential; and
WHEREAS, Economic self-sufficiency, dependable transportation, reliable child care, accessible health care, applicable education and training and affordable housing are long-term objectives of "National Family Week"; and

WHEREAS, "National Family Week" was conceived by educator and coach Sam Wiley and first observed in 1968; and

WHEREAS, The Alliance for Strong Families and Communities has led an annual observance since 1970; and

WHEREAS, "National Family Week" has been recognized by presidential proclamation annually since 1972; and

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives joins in celebrating family life and notes the importance of promoting family bonds, assisting families in crisis and establishing stable and supportive personal, family and community relationships; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the week of November 18 through 24, 2018, as "National Family Week" in Pennsylvania.