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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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MARCH 31, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2014 as "Sexual Assault Awareness  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Widespread public awareness is the first step in  
4 addressing sexual assault and its prevention; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the National Sexual Violence Resource  
6 Center, 91% of rape and sexual assault victims are female and 9%  
7 are male; and

8 WHEREAS, Most victims of sexual assault are acquainted with  
9 their assailants; and

10 WHEREAS, Nearly 98% of perpetrators are male; and

11 WHEREAS, One in four girls and one in six boys will be  
12 sexually abused before reaching 18 years of age; and

13 WHEREAS, Being the victim of child sexual abuse doubles the  
14 likelihood of adult sexual victimization; and

15 WHEREAS, Sexual assault is a significant problem on college  
16 campuses; and

17 WHEREAS, Sexual assault can have lasting, harmful effects on

1 survivors and their loved ones in our communities; and

2 WHEREAS, To preserve the safety and welfare of our fellow  
3 citizens, we must confront harmful attitudes and actions; and

4 WHEREAS, To help the individual and social progress of our  
5 fellow citizens, we must support survivors of sexual assault in  
6 times of crisis and throughout their recovery; and

7 WHEREAS, To generate a comprehensive response to sexual  
8 violence, we must highlight sexual assault prevention  
9 initiatives, bolster criminal justice programs and commit to  
10 breaking cycles of violence and reducing crime rates in our  
11 communities; and

12 WHEREAS, The 2014 Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign is  
13 focusing on resources related to healthy adolescent sexuality,  
14 including promoting age-appropriate behaviors, fostering  
15 appropriate alliances with adults and guiding youth engagement  
16 in sexual violence prevention programs; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2014  
18 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.