A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2020 as "National Sensory Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, October is "National Sensory Awareness Month" to raise awareness of sensory processing disorders; and

3 WHEREAS, This year marks the 31st anniversary of the Sensory Processing Disorder Foundation, which works to educate and raise awareness of processing disorders; and

4 WHEREAS, A sensory processing disorder is a disorder that influences the way the brain organizes, receives and responds to sensory signals which causes abnormal reactions in individuals; and

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6 WHEREAS, Disorganized sensory signals can lead to problems with daily functioning, family relationships, social situations, behavior, regulation of emotions, learning or self-esteem; and

7 WHEREAS, The disorder can manifest as an individual being uncoordinated, difficult to engage with in conversation or play, extremely upset from being wet or hearing loud noises or having an extremely high or low pain tolerance; and
WHEREAS, Approximately 1 in 20 people have a sensory processing disorder and individuals who are gifted, have attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, autism or fragile X syndrome are most at risk; and

WHEREAS, Often, sensory processing disorders go undiagnosed or misdiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, "National Sensory Awareness Month" is designed to bring parents, educators, therapists and other caregivers together to raise awareness of sensory processing and how it affects children and adults on a daily basis; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of October 2020, as "National Sensory Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.