
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 492 Session of
2009

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SONNEY, SWANGER, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, THOMAS, D. COSTA, BEAR AND
BENNINGHOFF, OCTOBER 6, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER
6, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 25 through 31, 2009, as
2 "Juvenile Detention Centers Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's 20 secure detention centers serving
4 all 67 counties should be recognized for their ongoing
5 protection of our communities and the care of youth in their
6 custody; and

7 WHEREAS, These facilities provide 805 beds Statewide for more
8 than 13,400 admissions to juvenile detention each year in this
9 Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, The existence of these facilities is key to the
11 safety and betterment of their communities; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's juvenile detention centers adhere to
13 the Balanced and Restorative Justice Model and contribute to
14 public safety by providing a stable environment for at-risk
15 youth, both preadjudicated and adjudicated, providing education

1 and programming and ensuring sufficient opportunities for growth
2 and development of Pennsylvania's youth; and

3 WHEREAS, Numerous dedicated men and women work in juvenile
4 detention centers to ensure every child's health and well-being
5 by providing competency development, self-discipline and
6 stabilization through comprehensive evaluations for both
7 physical and behavioral health, as well as community
8 involvement; and

9 WHEREAS, The Juvenile Detention Centers Association of
10 Pennsylvania acts as the sole resource for these facilities
11 offering education, representation and support for all of the
12 important services that juvenile detention centers provide for
13 this Commonwealth's youth and communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's juvenile detention centers in
15 coordination with the Juvenile Detention Centers Association of
16 Pennsylvania merit one week of recognition for their unending
17 services aimed at protecting our communities and assisting
18 Pennsylvania's youth; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
20 week of October 25 through 31, 2009, as "Juvenile Detention
21 Centers Week" in Pennsylvania.