

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 708 Session of 2010

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 24, 2010

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2010 as "Foster Care Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The family, a primary source of love, identity,  
4 self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our  
5 communities and our Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania there are approximately 20,000  
7 children and youth in foster care every day; and

8 WHEREAS, Children and youth in foster care are provided a  
9 safe, secure and stable home and a compassionate and nurturing  
10 foster family; and

11 WHEREAS, Foster families open their homes and hearts to  
12 children whose families are in crisis; and

1       WHEREAS, Foster families play a vital role in helping  
2 children and families heal and reconnect and in preparing  
3 children for successful adulthood; and

4       WHEREAS, Dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster  
5 children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families;  
6 and

7       WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth foster parents adopt more than  
8 60% of the children in the child welfare system who have had  
9 their goal changed to adoption; and

10       WHEREAS, Numerous individuals, public organizations and  
11 private organizations are working to increase awareness of the  
12 needs of children in foster care or leaving foster care and of  
13 the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents; and

14       WHEREAS, The foster care system is only as good as those  
15 persons who choose to be part of it; therefore be it

16       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
17 month of May 2010 as "Foster Care Month" in Pennsylvania and  
18 urge all citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on  
19 behalf of children in foster care, foster parents and child  
20 welfare professionals.