

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH
5, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of March 19 through 23, 2012, as "Youth
2 Violence Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Research studies have revealed that this
4 Commonwealth has more people serving prison sentences of life
5 without parole for crimes committed as juveniles than any other
6 jurisdiction in the world; and

7 WHEREAS, The National Association of Students Against
8 Violence Everywhere (SAVE) and The Guidance Group have united
9 forces to become the founding partners of the National Youth
10 Violence Prevention Campaign; and

11 WHEREAS, The overarching goal of the National Youth Violence
12 Prevention Campaign is to raise awareness and to educate
13 students, teachers, school administrators, counselors, school
14 resource officers, school staff, parents and the public on
15 effective ways to prevent and reduce youth violence; and

1 WHEREAS, The National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign
2 promotes a week-long initiative consisting of activities and
3 interactive workshops that strive to demonstrate the positive
4 role that young people can have in making their schools and
5 communities safer places to live; and

6 WHEREAS, Each day of the week-long campaign focuses on a
7 different violence prevention strategy, such as promoting
8 respect and tolerance, managing one's anger, peacefully
9 resolving conflict, supporting safety and uniting in action; and

10 WHEREAS, The National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign
11 galvanizes youth and their communities at-large to recognize and
12 take a stand against prejudice, bullying, disrespect and risky
13 behaviors in order to break the systemic chain of violence;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
16 week of March 19 through 23, 2012, as "Youth Violence Prevention
17 Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all schools
19 and youth organizations and programs within this Commonwealth to
20 observe "Youth Violence Prevention Week" so that youths
21 Statewide have the opportunity to learn methods to make their
22 schools and communities safer and so that students, teachers,
23 school administrators, counselors, school resource officers,
24 school staff, parents and the public may learn effective ways to
25 prevent or reduce youth violence; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the
27 sponsors and organizers of the National Youth Violence
28 Prevention Campaign for organizing the initiative and preparing
29 and compiling the information, materials and resources that
30 schools, organizations and communities can use for the week and

- 1 throughout the year by visiting the Internet website,
- 2 www.nyvpw.org.