
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 251 Session of
2013

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THOMAS, VEREB, WATSON, WHITE AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 16, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 16, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2013 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 24,000
7 children and youth in foster care that are served by resource
8 families every year; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, Foster families play a vital role in helping

1 children and families heal and reconnect and in preparing
2 children for successful adulthood; and

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

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

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

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

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
16 month of May 2013 as "Foster Care Month" in Pennsylvania and
17 urge all citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on
18 behalf of children in foster care, foster parents and child
19 welfare professionals.