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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 26, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 10, 2015, as "National Women and Girls
2 HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" is
4 an annual, nationwide observance that sheds light on the impact
5 of HIV/AIDS on women and girls; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the Office of Women's Health in the
7 United States Department of Health and Human Services,
8 approximately one in four people living with HIV in the United
9 States are women 13 years of age or older; and

10 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
11 estimates that more than half of individuals 13 to 24 years of
12 age living with HIV infection are undiagnosed; and

13 WHEREAS, Women of color, particularly African-American women,
14 have been especially hard hit by the HIV/AIDS epidemic and
15 represent both the majority of women living with the disease and

1 the newly infected; and

2 WHEREAS, Women with and at risk for HIV/AIDS face several
3 challenges in securing essential services and information; and

4 WHEREAS, Information and assistance in overcoming
5 socioeconomic and structural barriers, such as poverty, cultural
6 inequities and sexual violence, are vital in addition to
7 addressing the issue of women placing the needs of their
8 families above their own; and

9 WHEREAS, Women comprised 26%, or 5,232, of deaths among
10 people with an HIV diagnosis in 2010; and

11 WHEREAS, Every year on March 10 and throughout the month of
12 March, Federal, State and community organizations come together
13 to offer support and hope, reduce stigma, share information and
14 empower women and girls to learn the importance of HIV/AIDS
15 prevention, care and treatment; and

16 WHEREAS, This year marks the 10th observance of "National
17 Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day"; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize March
19 10, 2015, as "National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day"
20 in Pennsylvania and urge all residents to strongly support this
21 day and participate in events planned to commemorate the
22 occasion.