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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
NOVEMBER 30, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 25, 2015, as "Elimination of Violence  
2 Against Women Day" in Pennsylvania to coincide with the  
3 United Nations' "International Day for the Elimination of  
4 Violence Against Women."

5 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives acknowledges the  
6 global, State and local imperative to prevent and end gender-  
7 based discrimination and violence; and

8 WHEREAS, Violence affecting one in three women globally is  
9 one of the main mechanisms denying equality; and

10 WHEREAS, Violence against women includes acts which can cause  
11 physical, sexual or psychological harm, whether in public or  
12 private life; and

13 WHEREAS, In its various forms, violence against women  
14 fractures families and communities and impacts progress toward  
15 poverty reduction, peace and security; and

1       WHEREAS, The United Nations General Assembly recognizes  
2 numerous international frameworks and instruments defining the  
3 obligation of member states to prevent and respond to violence  
4 against women; and

5       WHEREAS, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has  
6 noted that sustainable development goals are not achieved  
7 without addressing the rights of women in law and in practice;  
8 and

9       WHEREAS, November 25 has been designated and is annually  
10 observed as the date for the international observance; and

11       WHEREAS, This date commemorates the 1960 assassination of  
12 Patria, Minerva and Maria Teresa Mirabal from the Dominican  
13 Republic during the Rafael Trujillo dictatorship; and

14       WHEREAS, The Mirabal sisters have come to symbolize popular  
15 resistance against the victimization of women; and

16       WHEREAS, The Office on Women's Health of the United States  
17 Department of Health and Human Services works with other  
18 Federal, State and local agencies to stop violence against women  
19 and girls; and

20       WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
21 and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape advocate for the  
22 rights and needs of female victims of violence and work to break  
23 cycles of violence in this Commonwealth; and

24       WHEREAS, The House of Representatives reaffirms its  
25 commitment to protect women affected by violence and to prevent  
26 acts of discrimination and violence against women; therefore be  
27 it

28       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
29 November 25, 2015, as "Elimination of Violence Against Women  
30 Day" in Pennsylvania to coincide with the United Nations'

1 "International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against  
2 Women."