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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1020 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED BY CUTLER, BIZZARRO, BAKER, HENNESSEY, COOK-ARTIS, DRISCOLL, FEE, DIGIROLAMO, DUSH, SONNEY, MILLARD, MACKENZIE, KINSEY, KIRKLAND, JAMES, SCHLOSSBERG, VEREB, WATSON, BULLOCK, COHEN, HICKERNELL, PAYNE, CALTAGIRONE, READSHAW, ROSS, GIBBONS, EVERETT, YOUNGBLOOD, ZIMMERMAN, PICKETT, D. COSTA, ROZZI, MAJOR, LONGIETTI, KAVULICH, MARSICO, SAVAGE, MAHONEY AND B. MILLER, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 23 through 29, 2016, as "Pro  
2 Bono Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania attorneys provide legal assistance at  
4 low or no cost, commonly referred to as "pro bono" work, to more  
5 than 100,000 low-income clients each year, including 10,000  
6 mortgage foreclosure cases and 12,000 domestic violence cases;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The eighth annual "National Pro Bono Week" will be  
9 celebrated at the end of October 2016; and

10 WHEREAS, "National Pro Bono Week" is an opportunity to  
11 highlight the differences attorneys make in their communities,  
12 to recruit and train more pro bono volunteers and to acknowledge  
13 the partnerships that form the basis for many of the private  
14 bar's most successful pro bono efforts; and

15 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Bar Association is joining with the

1 American Bar Association to sponsor this October's annual  
2 "National Pro Bono Week" celebrations; and

3 WHEREAS, "National Pro Bono Week" provides numerous  
4 opportunities to highlight the good work Pennsylvania attorneys  
5 do for the neediest among us; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is a leader in celebrating "National  
7 Pro Bono Week" with recurring annual events at many sites across  
8 this Commonwealth, from already scheduled events such as the  
9 Berks County Pro Bono Celebration on October 25, 2016, in  
10 Reading and the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Statewide Jeans  
11 for Justice initiative on October 28, 2016, to many more events  
12 still in the planning; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
14 week of October 23 through 29, 2016, as "Pro Bono Week" in  
15 Pennsylvania.