

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 100th anniversary of Planned Parenthood and  
2 celebrating the essential health care services they have  
3 provided to women and families across the country and this  
4 Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood is one of the nation's leading  
6 providers of high quality, affordable health care, including  
7 vital health care services and sex education; and

8 WHEREAS, Half of Planned Parenthood health centers are  
9 located in medically underserved communities, providing critical  
10 and preventive health care in areas of the most need in the  
11 country; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to providing health care services,  
13 Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest provider of sex  
14 education, reaching 1.5 million youths and adults in the United  
15 States in 2014; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2014, testing and treatment of sexually  
17 transmitted infections and diseases accounted for nearly half of  
18 the services provided by Planned Parenthood, followed by

1   contraception, pregnancy testing and prenatal care and cancer  
2   screening and prevention; and

3       WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood health centers that have  
4   significantly increased access to health care for women, men and  
5   young people provided basic health care services to 2.5 million  
6   patients across the United States in 2015; and

7       WHEREAS, Before becoming a leading provider in health care  
8   services, Planned Parenthood had to overcome both legal and  
9   public opposition; and

10      WHEREAS, The first birth control clinic in the United States  
11   opened in Brooklyn, New York, in 1916; and

12      WHEREAS, The founders of the first clinic were arrested and  
13   indicted under the Comstock Law of 1873, that made it illegal to  
14   discuss, distribute materials or provide women with any  
15   information related to contraception; and

16      WHEREAS, In a decision resulting from the founders' appeal of  
17   their convictions, the court made an exception to existing law  
18   and allowed doctors to prescribe contraception to female  
19   patients for medical reasons; and

20      WHEREAS, During the years that followed, the American Birth  
21   Control League, that would later be known as the Planned  
22   Parenthood Federation of America in 1942, was established and  
23   clinics were opened in various counties throughout this  
24   Commonwealth; therefore be it

25      RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
26   100th anniversary of Planned Parenthood and celebrate the  
27   essential health care services they have provided to women and  
28   families across the country and this Commonwealth.