THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

- Designating the month of November 2017 as "Infant Safe Sleep Month" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, The children of Pennsylvania are our most important
- 4 resource and the very foundation of the future of our
- 5 Commonwealth; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Thousands of infants in the United States die each
- 7 year in preventable tragedies because they are placed in unsafe
- 8 sleeping environments; and
- 9 WHEREAS, In April 1992, the American Academy of Pediatrics
- 10 Task Force on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome recommended that
- 11 infants be placed on their backs to sleep; and
- 12 WHEREAS, The safest sleeping environment for babies is alone
- 13 on their backs in an empty crib with a tightly fitted sheet and
- 14 sufficient sleepwear; and
- 15 WHEREAS, The National Institute of Child Health and Human

- 1 Development's Internet website provides parents, grandparents,
- 2 relatives and day-care providers access to resources containing
- 3 information about providing babies with safe sleep environments;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, The month of November is an opportunity to inform or
- 6 remind all caregivers to check infant sleep environments to help
- 7 prevent needless tragedies; therefore be it
- 8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
- 9 month of November 2017 as "Infant Safe Sleep Month" in
- 10 Pennsylvania.