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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 580 Session of 2019

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INTRODUCED BY DELOZIER, BERNSTINE, BIZZARRO, BROWN, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, CIRESI, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DEASY, DIGIROLAMO, FEE, HARRIS, HILL-EVANS, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MACKENZIE, McNEILL, MERSKI, MILLARD, B. MILLER, MURT, PICKETT, READSHAW, RYAN, SAPPEY, SCHMITT, SONNEY, STAATS, WARREN, YOUNGBLOOD AND ZIMMERMAN, OCTOBER 21, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, OCTOBER 21, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2019 as "Sudden Cardiac Arrest  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
4 reports that heart disease is the leading cause of death in the  
5 United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Sudden cardiac arrest is the largest cause of  
7 natural death in the United States, responsible for half of all  
8 heart disease deaths; and

9 WHEREAS, Sudden cardiac arrest is the number one killer of  
10 student athletes and is the leading cause of death on school  
11 campuses; and

12 WHEREAS, Every hour of every day a student dies from sudden  
13 cardiac arrest, and the survival rate for sudden cardiac arrest  
14 is less than 10%; and

15 WHEREAS, The administration of bystander CPR and the use of  
16 an automated external defibrillator can significantly increase

1 survival rates of sudden cardiac arrest; and

2 WHEREAS, Standard physicals and sports physicals do not  
3 include a routine heart screening using an electrocardiogram  
4 test that can identify underlying heart issues that could lead  
5 to sudden cardiac arrest; and

6 WHEREAS, There is a need for comprehensive educational  
7 efforts designed to increase awareness of sudden cardiac arrest  
8 among medical professionals and the greater public; and

9 WHEREAS, The establishment of "Sudden Cardiac Arrest  
10 Awareness Month" provides the opportunity to raise awareness  
11 about sudden cardiac arrest and promote early detection through  
12 heart screenings, proper treatment and prompt response that can  
13 save the life of someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest;  
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
16 month of October 2019 as "Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month"  
17 in Pennsylvania.