
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 702 Session of
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DONATUCCI, KIM, HILL-EVANS, READSHAW, SONNEY, BURNS, MILLARD,
PASHINSKI, KINSEY, ROEBUCK, NEILSON AND CONKLIN,
JANUARY 30, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, JANUARY 30, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2020 as "Halloween Safety
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Parents, neighborhood associations and local
4 officials must consider child safety when planning, conducting
5 or participating in Halloween observances; and

6 WHEREAS, Whether walking or driving, families should preplan
7 a familiar trick-or-treating route; and

8 WHEREAS, Traffic safety guidelines and situational awareness
9 are important as trick-or-treaters navigate streets and
10 intersections going door-to-door; and

11 WHEREAS, To make Halloween a happy occasion and ensure that
12 children stay as safe as possible, families should review
13 hazards and age-appropriate safety skills; and

14 WHEREAS, Speeding cars, low visibility and injuries from
15 sharp objects while pumpkin carving or trick-or-treating are
16 known hazards; and

17 WHEREAS, Darting or running into the road and tripping or

1 falling while wearing a mask or ill-fitting costume are other
2 known hazards; and

3 WHEREAS, Children should trick-or-treat in groups, supervised
4 by a responsible adult; and

5 WHEREAS, Flashlights or glow sticks and reflective material
6 on a child's costume increase visibility; and

7 WHEREAS, Halloween safety includes avoiding open flames and
8 other heat sources; and

9 WHEREAS, To avoid risks of tampering and food allergies,
10 adults must inspect all candy before children eat any of it; and

11 WHEREAS, Awareness of safety risks and precautions is
12 essential for enjoyable Halloween experiences for children,
13 families and communities in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
15 month of October 2020 as "Halloween Safety Month" in
16 Pennsylvania.