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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2019 as "National Sensory  
2 Processing Disorder Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, October is "National Sensory Processing Disorder  
4 Awareness Month" to raise awareness of sensory processing  
5 disorders; and

6 WHEREAS, This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Sensory  
7 Processing Disorder Foundation, which works to educate and raise  
8 awareness of processing disorders; and

9 WHEREAS, A sensory processing disorder is a disorder that  
10 influences the way the brain organizes, receives and responds to  
11 sensory signals which causes abnormal reactions in individuals;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Disorganized sensory signals can lead to problems  
14 with daily functioning, family relationships, social situations,  
15 behavior, regulation of emotions, learning or self-esteem; and

16 WHEREAS, The disorder can manifest as an individual being  
17 uncoordinated, difficult to engage with in conversation or play,

1 extremely upset from being wet or hearing loud noises or having  
2 an extremely high or low pain tolerance; and

3 WHEREAS, Approximately 1 in 20 people have a sensory  
4 processing disorder and individuals who are gifted, have  
5 attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, autism or fragile X  
6 syndrome are most at risk; and

7 WHEREAS, Often, sensory processing disorders go undiagnosed  
8 or misdiagnosed; and

9 WHEREAS, "National Sensory Processing Disorder Awareness  
10 Month" is designed to bring parents, educators, therapists and  
11 other caregivers together to raise awareness of sensory  
12 processing and how it affects children and adults on a daily  
13 basis; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of October  
15 2019, as "National Sensory Processing Disorder Awareness Month"  
16 in Pennsylvania.