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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2020 as "National Sensory  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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

5 WHEREAS, This year marks the 31st anniversary of the Sensory  
6 Processing Disorder Foundation, which works to educate and raise  
7 awareness of processing disorders; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, The disorder can manifest as an individual being  
16 uncoordinated, difficult to engage with in conversation or play,  
17 extremely upset from being wet or hearing loud noises or having  
18 an extremely high or low pain tolerance; and

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

5       WHEREAS, Often, sensory processing disorders go undiagnosed  
6   or misdiagnosed; and

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

11      RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of October  
12   2020, as "National Sensory Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.