

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 20 through 26, 2013, as "Youth
2 Violence Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Research studies have revealed that this
4 Commonwealth has more people serving prison sentences of life
5 without parole for crimes committed as juveniles than any other
6 jurisdiction in the world; and

7 WHEREAS, The National Association of Students Against
8 Violence Everywhere (SAVE) and The Guidance Group have united
9 forces to become the founding partners of the National Youth
10 Violence Prevention Campaign; and

11 WHEREAS, The overarching goal of the National Youth Violence
12 Prevention Campaign is to raise awareness and to educate
13 students, teachers, school administrators, counselors, school
14 resource officers, school staff, parents and the public on
15 effective ways to prevent and reduce youth violence; and

16 WHEREAS, The National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign
17 promotes a week-long initiative consisting of activities and
18 interactive workshops that strive to demonstrate the positive

1 role that young people can have in making their schools and
2 communities safer places to live; and

3 WHEREAS, Each day of the week-long campaign focuses on a
4 different violence prevention strategy, such as promoting
5 respect and tolerance, managing one's anger, peacefully
6 resolving conflict, supporting safety and uniting in action; and

7 WHEREAS, The National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign
8 galvanizes youth and their communities at-large to recognize and
9 take a stand against prejudice, bullying, disrespect and risky
10 behaviors in order to break the systemic chain of violence;
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
13 week of October 20 through 26, 2013, as "Youth Violence
14 Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all schools
16 and youth organizations and programs within this Commonwealth to
17 observe "Youth Violence Prevention Week" so that youths
18 Statewide have the opportunity to learn methods to make their
19 schools and communities safer and so that students, teachers,
20 school administrators, counselors, school resource officers,
21 school staff, parents and the public may learn effective ways to
22 prevent or reduce youth violence; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the
24 sponsors and organizers of the National Youth Violence
25 Prevention Campaign for organizing the initiative and preparing
26 and compiling the information, materials and resources that
27 schools, organizations and communities can use for the week and
28 throughout the year by visiting the Internet website,
29 www.nyvpw.org.