

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 4 through 8, 2016, 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 to  
9 become the founding partners of the National Youth Violence  
10 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 weeklong initiative consisting of activities and

1 interactive workshops that strive to demonstrate the positive  
2 role that young people can have in making their schools and  
3 communities safer places to live; and

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

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

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
14 week of April 4 through 8, 2016, as "Youth Violence Prevention  
15 Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

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

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the  
25 sponsors and organizers of the National Youth Violence  
26 Prevention Campaign for conducting the initiative and preparing  
27 and compiling the information, materials and resources that  
28 schools, organizations and communities can use for the week and  
29 throughout the year by visiting the publicly accessible Internet  
30 website, [www.nationalsave.org](http://www.nationalsave.org).