

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 14 through 20, 2017, as "National
2 Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Prevention Week" is dedicated to
4 increasing public awareness of and action around substance abuse
5 and mental health issues; and

6 WHEREAS, "National Prevention Week" is sponsored annually by
7 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
8 (SAMHSA); and

9 WHEREAS, During "National Prevention Week," each day observes
10 a different health-related theme to bring attention and
11 awareness to a specific behavioral health issue; and

12 WHEREAS, The daily themes for "National Prevention Week" 2017
13 are as follows:

- 14 (1) Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use.
- 15 (2) Prevention of Underage Drinking and Alcohol Misuse.
- 16 (3) Prevention of Prescription and Opioid Drug Misuse.
- 17 (4) Prevention of Illicit Drug Use and Youth Marijuana

1 Use.

2 (5) Prevention of Suicide.

3 (6) Promotion of Mental Health and Wellness;

4 and

5 WHEREAS, "National Prevention Week" is held each year during
6 the third week of May, near the start of summer; and

7 WHEREAS, The timing of "National Prevention Week" corresponds
8 with many celebrations and recreational activities, such as
9 graduation parties, proms, weddings, sporting events and outdoor
10 activities, where substance use and abuse can happen; and

11 WHEREAS, Near the kickoff to summer, "National Prevention
12 Week" allows schools to participate in prevention-themed events
13 before the end of the school year and raise awareness among
14 students of all ages; and

15 WHEREAS, According to SAMHSA, the primary goals of "National
16 Prevention Week" are as follows:

17 (1) Involving communities in raising awareness of
18 behavioral health issues and in implementing prevention
19 strategies.

20 (2) Fostering partnerships and collaboration with
21 Federal agencies and national organizations dedicated to
22 behavioral and public health.

23 (3) Promoting and disseminating quality behavioral
24 health resources and publications;

25 and

26 WHEREAS, In order to achieve these goals, community
27 organizations across the country host health fairs, block
28 parties, educational assemblies, town hall meetings, memorial
29 walks, social media campaigns and outdoor events during
30 "National Prevention Week" to help raise public awareness of

1 substance abuse and mental health issues; therefore be it
2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
3 week of May 14 through 20, 2017, as "National Prevention Week"
4 in Pennsylvania.

