

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2017 as "Fetal Alcohol
2 Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania in an
3 effort to urge pregnant women not to drink alcohol and to
4 remind women who are considering becoming pregnant to abstain
5 from drinking any type or amount of alcohol.

6 WHEREAS, Healthy children are one of this Commonwealth's
7 greatest assets; and

8 WHEREAS, There is no safe amount of alcohol that a pregnant
9 woman can drink and there is no time during pregnancy when it is
10 safe to consume alcohol; and

11 WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a group of
12 mental, physical and neurological birth defects, on a continuum
13 from mild to severe, that are the direct result of alcohol use
14 during pregnancy; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
16 Prevention, as many as three to five per one hundred babies may
17 be impacted by prenatal exposure to alcohol; and

18 WHEREAS, More than 50% of women of childbearing age drink
19 alcohol and 10% of pregnant women drink alcohol; and