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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the month of May 1995 as "Healthy Babies Month" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation has
- 4 declared May 1995 to be "Healthy Babies Month" in order to
- 5 spread the word about the importance of prenatal care and
- 6 nutrition to a healthy pregnancy; and
- WHEREAS, Although birth defects strike in a number of ways
- 8 and every family is vulnerable, much has been learned in recent
- 9 years about reducing the risks of known causes of physical and
- 10 mental damage during pregnancy; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Early, regular prenatal care is a pregnant woman's
- 2 first line of defense for protecting her baby; if problems
- 3 arise, the earlier they are detected, the more likely they are
- 4 to respond to treatment; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Today's pregnant woman can benefit from new
- 6 knowledge, new skills and new technology to monitor a healthy
- 7 birth and to diagnose and treat high-risk problems that occur;
- 8 therefore be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly recognize the month of
- 10 May 1995 as "Healthy Babies Month" in Pennsylvania and urge
- 11 every mother and prospective mother to contact the March of
- 12 Dimes Birth Defects Foundation and allied organizations for
- 13 literature to keep herself informed on what she can do to
- 14 protect her baby's health: eating wisely; avoiding infections
- 15 such as rubella, not using prescribed or over-the-counter drugs
- 16 without a doctor's advice, getting plenty of rest and exercise,
- 17 and avoiding drinking alcohol, smoking and, of course, using
- 18 illicit drugs.