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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring the month of October 1995 as "Childhood Lead Poisoning  
2 Prevention Month" to assist in making Pennsylvanians aware of  
3 the endemic and yet preventable threat to the Commonwealth's  
4 children and of the need to have their children tested before  
5 irreparable harm is done.

6 WHEREAS, Lead poisoning, though often found  
7 disproportionately in minority children living in deteriorating  
8 housing in inner cities, is also found in children from all  
9 strata of society throughout this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, Lead poisoning is a primary threat to the health and  
11 development of all children, inflicting irreparable damage to  
12 their brains and nervous systems and rendering some disabled at  
13 very early ages; and

14 WHEREAS, Lead poisoning is entirely preventable when the  
15 conditions that give rise to it are known to exist; and

16 WHEREAS, Visible symptoms of lead poisoning may be absent or  
17 may mimic symptoms of other common ailments until such time as  
18 irreparable harm has been done to children; and

1       WHEREAS, Annual screening of children's blood can alert  
2 families and health professionals to the presence of lead in the  
3 child's environment and lead to remediation of the problem;  
4 therefore be it

5       RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of  
6 Pennsylvania proclaim the month of October 1995 as "Childhood  
7 Lead Poisoning Awareness Month."