
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A. H. WILLIAMS, GIGLIOTTI, KAISER, McNAUGHTON AND PISTELLA,
SEPTEMBER 23, 1997

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 23, 1997

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 1997 as "Sudden Infant Death
2 Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month" in this Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is the major
4 cause of death for infants one month to one year of age in the
5 United States, claiming more children in one year than all those
6 who die of cancer, heart disease, pneumonia, child abuse, AIDS,
7 cystic fibrosis and muscular dystrophy combined; and

8 WHEREAS, SIDS claimed the lives of more than 5,000 babies in
9 the United States last year, and more than 150 babies died of
10 SIDS in Pennsylvania last year; and

11 WHEREAS, Recent studies have shown that the risk of SIDS can
12 be reduced by placing infants on their backs or sides to sleep,

1 by breast-feeding and by ceasing or at least refraining from
2 smoking in the baby's environment; and

3 WHEREAS, The back or side sleeping position is recommended
4 for babies by the American Academy of Pediatrics; and

5 WHEREAS, A coalition of Federal, State and private agencies
6 has launched a national "Back to Sleep" educational campaign;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Public awareness of SIDS and risk education measures
9 can save the lives of babies and spare many Pennsylvania
10 families needless tragedy; and

11 WHEREAS, The Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance -
12 Pennsylvania Affiliate conducts this "Back to Sleep" campaign
13 throughout this Commonwealth and beyond its borders, as well as
14 provide support services to families who have suffered the
15 devastating loss of a beloved baby to SIDS; and

16 WHEREAS, The "Back to Sleep" campaign represents the hope for
17 a future free of the tragedy that is Sudden Infant Death
18 Syndrome; and

19 WHEREAS, The Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance -
20 Pennsylvania Affiliate will be concentrating their efforts
21 toward the "Back to Sleep" educational campaign in October 1997
22 in observation of "SIDS Awareness Month"; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives join with the
24 Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance - Pennsylvania Affiliate
25 in celebrating their public awareness campaign known as the
26 "Back to Sleep" program; express deep appreciation and praise
27 for the immeasurable contributions they have made in the
28 steadfast fight against SIDS; offer best wishes for their
29 continued success and the realization of a bright and lasting
30 future for babies everywhere; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
2 month of October 1997 as "Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)
3 Awareness Month"; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, sponsored by
5 Representative Connie Williams, be transmitted to:

6 Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
7 Alliance - Pennsylvania Affiliate
8 2000 Mary Street
9 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15203.