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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 473 Session of  
2007

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 22, 2007

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2007 as "Sudden Infant Death  
2 Syndrome Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and recognizing the  
3 need for an education and prevention program that focuses on  
4 the risk factors for SIDS and safe sleeping practices for  
5 newborns and infants.

6 WHEREAS, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), the unexpected  
7 and sudden death of apparently healthy babies in which no cause  
8 of death can be found after an autopsy and death scene  
9 investigation, is the third most common cause of death among  
10 newborns, claiming the lives of more than 2,100 babies each  
11 year; and

12 WHEREAS, The National Institute of Child Health and Human  
13 Development, the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Infant

1 Death Program and the American Academy of Pediatrics provide  
2 recommendations for safe sleeping positions and environmental  
3 factors that may help reduce the risk of SIDS; and

4 WHEREAS, Infants in this Commonwealth continue to die from  
5 SIDS, and caregivers are unaware of risk reduction practices,  
6 including placing babies on their backs to sleep, choosing safe  
7 bedding, keeping babies from overheating, choosing breastfeeding  
8 when possible and creating tobacco-free environments; and

9 WHEREAS, Increasing public awareness among all parents and  
10 infant caregivers in this Commonwealth through education  
11 regarding the importance of creating a safe sleeping environment  
12 has great potential for saving lives; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
14 month of October 2007 as "Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness  
15 Month" in Pennsylvania.