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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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MARCH 24, 2008

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2008 as "Foster Care Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The family, a primary source of love, identity,  
4 self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our  
5 communities and our Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania there are 20,000 children and youth  
7 in foster care every day; and

8 WHEREAS, Children and youth in foster care are provided a  
9 safe, secure and stable home and a compassionate and nurturing  
10 foster family; and

1       WHEREAS, Foster families open their homes and hearts to  
2 children whose families are in crisis; and

3       WHEREAS, Foster families play a vital role in helping  
4 children and families heal and reconnect and in preparing  
5 children for successful adulthood; and

6       WHEREAS, Dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster  
7 children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families;  
8 and

9       WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth foster parents adopt more than  
10 60% of the children in the child welfare system who have had  
11 their goal changed to adoption; and

12       WHEREAS, Numerous individuals, public organizations and  
13 private organizations are working to increase awareness of the  
14 needs of children in foster care or leaving foster care and of  
15 the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents; and

16       WHEREAS, The foster care system is only as good as those  
17 persons who choose to be part of it; therefore be it

18       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
19 month of May 2008 as "Foster Care Month" in Pennsylvania and  
20 urge all citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on  
21 behalf of children in foster care, foster parents and child  
22 welfare professionals.