
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 102 Session of
2009

INTRODUCED BY SIPTROTH, BELFANTI, BEYER, BISHOP, BOBACK, BOYD, BRENNAN, BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CLYMER, COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, DELOZIER, DeLUCA, DONATUCCI, FLECK, FRANKEL, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, HELM, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, W. KELLER, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, KOTIK, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MANDERINO, MANN, McCALL, McILVAINE SMITH, MELIO, MENSCH, METCALFE, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MILNE, MOUL, MUNDY, MURT, MUSTIO, OBERLANDER, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PARKER, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, QUINN, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROEBUCK, ROHRER, ROSS, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SEIP, K. SMITH, STERN, SWANGER, TRUE, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, YOUNGBLOOD AND GIBBONS, MARCH 3, 2009

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 3, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the month of November 2009 as "National Adoption
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is committed to helping find safe,
4 permanent and loving homes for children who need homes through
5 adoption; and

6 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has demonstrated its commitment
7 through various programs, including the Pennsylvania Adoption
8 Exchange, the Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN),
9 the Internet website www.adoptpakids.org and the toll-free
10 hotline 1-800-585-SWAN; and

11 WHEREAS, Since the inception of SWAN in 1992, more than
12 21,000 children have been adopted from the Pennsylvania child

1 welfare system; and

2 WHEREAS, Despite these many successes, there remains a need
3 for safe, permanent and loving homes; and

4 WHEREAS, The many caring families who have provided improved,
5 more stable lives to children through adoption deserve to be
6 recognized and honored; and

7 WHEREAS, November 2009 marks the 19th anniversary of
8 "National Adoption Awareness Month" observances in the United
9 States and the 33rd anniversary of "National Adoption Week";
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, in congruence
12 with national recognition, commemorate the month of November
13 2009 as "National Adoption Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and
14 recommit to the goal of helping to find a safe, permanent and
15 loving home for each child in this Commonwealth who needs one.