
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 544 Session of
2012

INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, DEASY, KORTZ, DONATUCCI, HARHART,
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YOUNGBLOOD, BRADFORD, DELOZIER AND FABRIZIO, JANUARY 25, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY
25, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of January 2012 as "Stalking Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, January 2012 will be observed nationally as the
4 third annual "Stalking Awareness Month"; and

5 WHEREAS, More than one million women and almost 400,000 men
6 are victims of stalkers annually; and

7 WHEREAS, Most frequently, stalkers are former intimate
8 partners and abusers of the person being stalked, and 76% of
9 persons who have been murdered by their stalker have at one time
10 been an intimate partner of that stalker; and

11 WHEREAS, Stalking victims experience lost time from work,
12 anxiety, insomnia, social dysfunction and severe depression in
13 significantly higher numbers than the general public; and

14 WHEREAS, Stalking pervasively occurs in neighborhoods, on
15 college campuses and in workplace environments and is a crime

1 under the laws of all 50 states, the District of Columbia and
2 Federal statute; and

3 WHEREAS, Notwithstanding these facts, awareness of the
4 pervasiveness and detrimental social impact of stalking is
5 minimal; and

6 WHEREAS, To raise social awareness, January 2012 has been set
7 aside nationwide as "Stalking Awareness Month"; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
9 month of January 2012 as "Stalking Awareness Month" in
10 Pennsylvania.