
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 542 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY KAUFFMAN, MICOZZIE, BIZZARRO, BISHOP, O'NEILL,
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R. MILLER, BENNINGHOFF, WHITE, MILNE, GINGRICH, D. COSTA,
MARSICO, GILLEN AND DEASY, NOVEMBER 6, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 6, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 21, 2013, as "Children's Grief Awareness
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Experiencing the death of a loved one can be
4 painful, isolating and confusing for children; and

5 WHEREAS, Children who have experienced significant trauma may
6 have an even harder time dealing with grief than other children;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The holiday season can be a particularly challenging
9 and difficult period for children following the death of a loved
10 one; and

11 WHEREAS, Observed annually on the third Thursday of November,
12 Children's Grief Awareness Day focuses on the special needs of
13 grieving children and the ways in which others can help them;
14 and

1 WHEREAS, Children of all ages and levels of comprehension
2 benefit from maintaining a schedule or routine, cultivating
3 relationships, talking or crying and engaging in physical
4 activities and artistic expression as they adjust to their
5 losses; and

6 WHEREAS, Family members, friends, teachers and school
7 counselors who are aware, open and willing can help as a child
8 moves through the grieving process toward healing; and

9 WHEREAS, With proper understanding and support in identifying
10 and understanding their losses, grieving children do not have to
11 feel alone; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
13 November 21, 2013, as "Children's Grief Awareness Day" in
14 Pennsylvania.