
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 563 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, BENNINGHOFF, BISHOP, DEASY, YOUNGBLOOD, COHEN, HENNESSEY, CALTAGIRONE, KOTIK, CONKLIN, MURT, ROZZI, THOMAS, REGAN, SCHLOSSBERG, RAVENSTAHL, LONGIETTI, DRISCOLL, WATSON, KAVULICH, MILLARD, WHEELAND, SONNEY, DUSH, BIZZARRO, REESE, KINSEY, GILLESPIE, HARKINS, BAKER, DONATUCCI, KIRKLAND, MAHONEY, DIGIROLAMO, ROSS, FARINA, PHILLIPS-HILL, WARD, WHITE, M. DALEY, MARSICO, KAUFFMAN, MAJOR, McNEILL, DeLUCA, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, MATZIE, PETRI, SAYLOR, GINGRICH, MILNE, GILLEN, GROVE, SCHWEYER, McCARTER AND BRADFORD, OCTOBER 26, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 26, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 19, 2015, as "Children's Grief Awareness
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Children who have had a loved one die, especially a
4 close family member, can carry that loss with them forever, and
5 it sometimes causes confusion in their minds as to why their
6 loved one was taken away; and

7 WHEREAS, Highmark Caring Place is a center for grieving
8 children, adolescents and their families, and there are four
9 Caring Place centers throughout this Commonwealth which provide
10 a place where, above all, individuals and families can find
11 comfort, understanding and help in time of grief; and

12 WHEREAS, "Children's Grief Awareness Day" began in this
13 Commonwealth by the Highmark Caring Place in 2008 in order to

1 help others understand the impact of death on children and their
2 need for support; and

3 WHEREAS, "Children's Grief Awareness Day" is observed every
4 year on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, immediately preceding
5 the winter holidays, which can be a particularly difficult time
6 for grieving children; and

7 WHEREAS, A simple way to participate is to encourage as many
8 people as possible to wear blue on that day as a symbol of
9 support for "Children's Grief Awareness Day"; and

10 WHEREAS, This year, on November 19, 2015, Caring Team for
11 Children schools, along with children and adults from all walks
12 of life across Pennsylvania, will join together with thousands
13 of others nationally and internationally to show their support
14 for grieving children by participating in "Children's Grief
15 Awareness Day"; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
17 November 19, 2015, as "Children's Grief Awareness Day" in
18 Pennsylvania.