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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 16, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 15 through 21, 2016, as "National  
2 Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Prevention Week" is a health observance  
4 dedicated to increasing public awareness of and action around  
5 substance abuse and mental health issues; and

6 WHEREAS, "National Prevention Week" is sponsored annually by  
7 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
8 (SAMHSA); and

9 WHEREAS, The theme for this year's "National Prevention Week"  
10 is "Strong As One. Stronger Together"; and

11 WHEREAS, During "National Prevention Week," each day has a  
12 different health theme to bring attention and awareness to a  
13 specific behavioral health issue; and

14 WHEREAS, The daily themes for "National Prevention Week" 2016  
15 are as follows:

16 (1) Prevention of Tobacco Use.

- 1 (2) Prevention of Underage Drinking and Alcohol Misuse.
- 2 (3) Prevention of Prescription and Opioid Drug Misuse.
- 3 (4) Prevention of Illicit Drug Use and Youth Marijuana
- 4 Use.
- 5 (5) Prevention of Suicide.
- 6 (6) Promotion of Mental Health and Wellness;

7 and

8 WHEREAS, "National Prevention Week" is held each year during  
9 the third week of May, near the start of summer; and

10 WHEREAS, The timing of "National Prevention Week" corresponds  
11 with many celebrations and recreational activities, such as  
12 graduation parties, proms, weddings, sporting events and outdoor  
13 activities, where substance use and abuse can happen; and

14 WHEREAS, Near the kickoff to summer, "National Prevention  
15 Week" allows schools to participate in prevention-themed events  
16 before the end of the school year and raise awareness among  
17 students of all ages; and

18 WHEREAS, According to SAMHSA, the primary goals of "National  
19 Prevention Week" are as follows:

20 (1) Involving communities in raising awareness of  
21 behavioral health issues and in implementing prevention  
22 strategies.

23 (2) Fostering partnerships and collaboration with  
24 Federal agencies and national organizations dedicated to  
25 behavioral and public health.

26 (3) Promoting and disseminating quality behavioral  
27 health resources and publications;

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29 WHEREAS, In order to achieve these goals, community  
30 organizations across the country host health fairs, block

1 parties, educational assemblies, town hall meetings, memorial  
2 walks, social media campaigns and outdoor events during  
3 "National Prevention Week" to help raise public awareness of  
4 substance abuse and mental health issues; therefore be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
6 week of May 15 through 21, 2016, as "National Prevention Week"  
7 in Pennsylvania.