
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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APRIL 13, 2015

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 13, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2015 as "Child Abuse Prevention
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each year, more than one million children in the
4 United States are documented as the victims of child abuse; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2013, there were 3,425 substantiated cases of
6 child abuse in this Commonwealth, with 38 children dying as a
7 result of abuse and neglect; and

8 WHEREAS, More than half of the perpetrators in 2013 had a
9 parental relationship with the child; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2010 through 2011, the Pennsylvania Coalition
11 Against Rape provided services to more than 7,786 child victims
12 of sexual violence; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2013, 78% of substantiated reports were made by
14 mandated reporters; and

15 WHEREAS, Child abuse crosses all racial, economic and
16 geographic boundaries; and

1 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance trained more
2 than 47,500 professionals and community members in 2010 through
3 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, The damaging effects of child abuse include, but are
5 not limited to, school failure, alcohol and drug abuse and
6 physical and psychological difficulties; and

7 WHEREAS, Child abuse can and must be prevented and awareness
8 raised so that families learn they have access to community
9 resources which offer support, information and guidance to help
10 stop or prevent abusive behaviors or conditions; and

11 WHEREAS, Many Pennsylvanians in schools, social service
12 agencies, churches and neighborhood groups throughout this
13 Commonwealth, including the Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance
14 and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, are working to
15 support the victims of child abuse and prevent future abuse; and

16 WHEREAS, In spite of these efforts, more needs to be done to
17 guarantee a childhood free of abuse and victimization to every
18 child in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2015
20 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend those persons and community
23 groups that work to treat and prevent child abuse and urge all
24 Pennsylvanians to do their part in preventing the tragedy of
25 child abuse.