

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 232 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY VANCE, MENSCH, RAFFERTY, HAYWOOD, SABATINA,
SCHWANK, BARTOLOTTA, EICHELBERGER, GREENLEAF, PILEGGI,
SCAVELLO, BLAKE, BREWSTER, COSTA, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, FONTANA,
KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE AND TEPLITZ, OCTOBER 27, 2015

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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 within them forever,
5 and 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; and

10 WHEREAS, Some families regard Highmark Caring Place centers
11 as the salvation of their family unit, a place where, above all,
12 they can find comfort, understanding and help in times of grief;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, "Children's Grief Awareness Day" was established in
15 this Commonwealth by the Highmark Caring Place in 2008 in order
16 to help others understand the impact of death on children and
17 their need for support; and

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

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

8 WHEREAS, The Caring Team for Grieving Children is an
9 initiative of Highmark Caring Place which encompasses hundreds
10 of schools, businesses and community partners working together
11 to increase a common awareness of the needs of grieving
12 children; and

13 WHEREAS, This year, on November 19, 2015, Caring Team for
14 Grieving Children schools, along with children and adults from
15 all walks of life from across this Commonwealth, will join
16 together with thousands of others nationally and internationally
17 to show their support for grieving children by participating in
18 "Children's Grief Awareness Day"; and

19 WHEREAS, The Senate applauds the work being accomplished by
20 the Highmark Caring Place and the Caring Team for Grieving
21 Children schools across this Commonwealth; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate November 19, 2015, as
23 "Children's Grief Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.