
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 258 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY MILLARD, CALTAGIRONE, PEIFER, HENNESSEY, CUTLER,
DRISCOLL, BAKER, BIZZARRO, FREEMAN, DUSH, SONNEY, LONGIETTI,
PICKETT, O'NEILL, MURT, MUSTIO, BOBACK, BULLOCK, McNEILL,
WARD, HELM, NEILSON, DIGIROLAMO AND WATSON, APRIL 17, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 17, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 23 through 29, 2017, as
2 "Pennsylvania Home Visitation and Family Support Week" in
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, All young children and their families deserve the
5 same opportunities to succeed regardless of demographic,
6 geographic or economic considerations; and

7 WHEREAS, Parents are a child's first and most influential
8 teacher; and

9 WHEREAS, A child's early years of life are critical for
10 optimal development and provide the foundation for success in
11 school; and

12 WHEREAS, Established and emerging research is the basis of
13 parent education and family support curricula, training,
14 materials and services; and

15 WHEREAS, Early Head Start, Healthy Families America, Nurse-
16 Family Partnership and Parents as Teachers are federally
17 recognized as evidence-based model programs meeting rigorous

1 standards for effectiveness; and

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania evidence-based home visiting programs
3 may be a part of health, education, human service and family
4 center organizations and are effective early childhood, parent
5 education and family support programs serving families
6 throughout pregnancy until the completion of a child's first
7 year of school; and

8 WHEREAS, These model programs and family center organizations
9 promote the protective factors that keep families strong by
10 increasing parent knowledge and practices, providing early
11 detection of developmental delays and health issues, preventing
12 child abuse and neglect, meeting concrete needs, increasing
13 children's school readiness and school success, connecting
14 families with each other and increasing family involvement and
15 leadership in the community; and

16 WHEREAS, The four evidence-based home visiting programs
17 served 12,161 families in this Commonwealth in 2015-2016 through
18 multiple funding sources in nearly every county and provided
19 additional Family Center supportive services to hundreds more
20 families; and

21 WHEREAS, These evidence-based model programs, through their
22 strength-based work with families and in Family Center settings,
23 support families in achieving economic stability, healthy
24 children in healthy homes and school readiness of children;
25 therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
27 week of April 23 through 29, 2017, as "Pennsylvania Home
28 Visitation and Family Support Week" in Pennsylvania.