
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 351 Session of
2017

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MAY 23, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 23, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 25, 2017, as "National Missing Children's Day"
2 in Pennsylvania and urging participation in child protection.

3 WHEREAS, Between 1979 and 1981, a series of high-profile
4 missing children cases and 29 murders of children and young
5 adults in Atlanta and Georgia brought attention to the lack of
6 coordinated efforts among Federal, state and local law
7 enforcement to search for missing children; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1982, the Missing Children Act (Public Law 97-
9 292, 96 Stat. 1259) was enacted, allowing information on missing
10 children to be entered into the Federal Bureau of
11 Investigation's National Crime Information Center; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1984, the National Center for Missing and
13 Exploited Children (NCMEC) was created; and

14 WHEREAS, The NCMEC partners with the United States Department

1 of Justice to help law enforcement find missing children,
2 eliminate child sexual exploitation and prevent child
3 victimization; and

4 WHEREAS, According to the NCMEC, approximately 800,000
5 children are reported missing each year; and

6 WHEREAS, Of these cases of missing children, more than
7 200,000 are victims of family abductions and an estimated 58,000
8 are victims of nonfamily abductions; and

9 WHEREAS, Annually, an estimated 115 children are victims of
10 kidnappings in which the perpetrator is a stranger or slight
11 acquaintance and the child is placed in grave danger; and

12 WHEREAS, The NCMEC has assisted law enforcement in the
13 recovery of 193,705 missing children since being founded;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 25,
16 2017, as "National Missing Children's Day" in Pennsylvania and
17 urge local governments, communities and law enforcement
18 throughout this Commonwealth to participate in the protection of
19 children and educate children about child abduction and sexual
20 exploitation and how to respond and seek help.