
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 536 Session of
2017

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LONGIETTI, GOODMAN, GILLEN, WARD, MARSICO, EVERETT AND
BRADFORD, OCTOBER 2, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 2, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 6, 2017, as "Domestic Violence Awareness
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Families are the foundation of a safe and healthy
4 community; and

5 WHEREAS, Domestic violence crosses all racial, social,
6 religious, ethnic, geographic and economic boundaries in this
7 Commonwealth and our nation; and

8 WHEREAS, One in three residents in this Commonwealth has
9 witnessed a domestic violence incident; and

10 WHEREAS, Teen dating violence patterns are similar to adult
11 domestic violence, with widespread effects on individuals,
12 families, schools, businesses and health care systems; and

13 WHEREAS, At least 40% of youths between 11 and 12 years of
14 age report that their friends have been victims of verbal abuse

1 in relationships; and

2 WHEREAS, Among teenagers in dating relationships, 30% have
3 received up to 30 text messages an hour from a partner who tries
4 to find out where they are, what they are doing or with whom
5 they are at the time; and

6 WHEREAS, Teen dating violence includes physical, emotional
7 and sexual assault and harassment via texting, e-mail or instant
8 messaging; and

9 WHEREAS, It is the goal of the House of Representatives that
10 our communities be safe and our youths be protected; and

11 WHEREAS, The Demi Brae Cuccia Awareness Organization focuses
12 on the prevalence and the dangers of teen dating violence; and

13 WHEREAS, Demi Brae Cuccia was fatally stabbed in her
14 Monroeville home by an ex-boyfriend on August 15, 2007; and

15 WHEREAS, Born August 14, 1991, Demi Brae Cuccia was the
16 daughter of Gary Cuccia and Jodi Miceli, who are honoring her
17 memory through the Demi Brae Cuccia Awareness Organization;
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That, in recognition of the impact of teen dating
20 violence on the health and well-being of our communities, the
21 House of Representatives designate October 6, 2017, as "Domestic
22 Violence Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.