
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 581 Session of
2017

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OCTOBER 26, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 26, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 16, 2017, as "Children's Grief Awareness
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Children who experience the loss of a loved one,
4 especially a close family member, can carry that loss with them
5 forever, and the loss sometimes causes confusion in their minds
6 as to why their loved one was taken away; and

7 WHEREAS, Highmark Caring Place is a center for grieving
8 children, adolescents and their families; and

9 WHEREAS, There are four Caring Place centers throughout this
10 Commonwealth which provide a place where, above all, individuals
11 and families can find comfort, understanding and help in time of
12 grief; and

13 WHEREAS, "Children's Grief Awareness Day" was started in this
14 Commonwealth by the Highmark Caring Place in 2008 to help others

1 understand the impact of death on children and their need for
2 support; and

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

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

10 WHEREAS, On November 16, 2017, Caring Team for Grieving
11 Children schools, along with children and adults from all walks
12 of life across Pennsylvania, join together with thousands of
13 others nationally and internationally to show their support for
14 grieving children by participating in "Children's Grief
15 Awareness Day"; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
17 November 16, 2017, as "Children's Grief Awareness Day" in
18 Pennsylvania.