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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 18, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 13 through 19, 2018, as "National
2 Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Prevention Week" is dedicated to
4 increasing public awareness of and addressing substance abuse
5 and mental health issues; and

6 WHEREAS, "National Prevention Week" is sponsored annually by
7 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
8 (SAMHSA); and

9 WHEREAS, During "National Prevention Week," each day observes
10 a different health-related theme to bring attention to and
11 awareness of a specific behavioral health issue; and

12 WHEREAS, The daily themes for "National Prevention Week" 2018
13 are as follows:

- 14 (1) Promotion of mental health and wellness.
15 (2) Prevention of underage drinking and alcohol misuse.

1 (3) Prevention of prescription and opioid drug misuse.

2 (4) Prevention of illicit drug use and youth marijuana
3 use.

4 (5) Prevention of suicide.

5 (6) Prevention of youth tobacco use;

6 and

7 WHEREAS, "National Prevention Week" is held each year during
8 the third week of May, near the start of summer; and

9 WHEREAS, The timing of "National Prevention Week" corresponds
10 with many celebrations and recreational activities, including
11 graduation parties, proms, weddings, sporting events and outdoor
12 activities, where substance use and abuse can happen; and

13 WHEREAS, Near the kickoff to summer, "National Prevention
14 Week" allows schools to participate in prevention-themed events
15 before the end of the school year and raise awareness among
16 students of all ages; and

17 WHEREAS, According to SAMHSA, the primary goals of "National
18 Prevention Week" are as follows:

19 (1) Involving communities in raising awareness of
20 behavioral health issues and in implementing prevention
21 strategies.

22 (2) Fostering partnerships and collaboration with
23 Federal agencies and national organizations dedicated to
24 behavioral and public health.

25 (3) Promoting and disseminating quality behavioral
26 health resources and publications;

27 and

28 WHEREAS, In order to achieve these goals, community
29 organizations across the country host health fairs, block
30 parties, educational assemblies, town hall meetings, memorial

1 walks, social media campaigns and outdoor events during
2 "National Prevention Week" to help raise public awareness of
3 substance abuse and mental health issues; therefore be it
4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
5 week of May 13 through 19, 2018, as "National Prevention Week"
6 in Pennsylvania.