
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 23 through 29, 2018, as
2 "Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative Programs Week" in
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's array of public and private service
5 providers have continued to evolve in response to juvenile
6 justice system reform efforts by improving the quality of
7 service delivery and simultaneously striving to ensure the
8 protection of our communities; and

9 WHEREAS, The Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative
10 Programs, an association of Pennsylvania service providers,
11 originally established in 1978, is celebrating 40 years as a
12 juvenile justice service provider association; and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania service providers have adapted to
14 serving low-risk to moderate-risk youths within the community
15 and moderate-risk to high-risk youths in residential programs;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania service providers offer uniquely

1 designed programs to all 67 counties of this Commonwealth to
2 address the individualized needs of specific populations; and

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania service providers offer an array of
4 services, including secure detention, secure treatment,
5 institutional facilities, group homes, foster homes and
6 community-based and in-home programming; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's juvenile detention centers and
8 alternative programs, adhering to the Balanced and Restorative
9 Justice Model, contribute to public safety by providing a stable
10 environment for at-risk youths, providing education and
11 programming and ensuring sufficient opportunities for growth and
12 development of Pennsylvania's youths; and

13 WHEREAS, Juvenile detention centers and alternative programs
14 ensure every child's health and well-being by providing
15 competency development, self-discipline and stabilization
16 through comprehensive physical and behavioral health evaluations
17 as well as community involvement; and

18 WHEREAS, Thousands of men and women are dedicated to ensuring
19 the proper care and supervision of youths and are committed to
20 the protection of Pennsylvania's communities; and

21 WHEREAS, Youth care workers in Pennsylvania detention centers
22 and alternative programs stand ready on a daily basis to respond
23 to youths who display an array of unresolved mental health,
24 behavioral, educational and emotional issues; and

25 WHEREAS, The Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative
26 Programs, an affiliate of the County Commissioners Association
27 of Pennsylvania, is an association of Pennsylvania service
28 providers that acts as a key resource for these service
29 providers offering education, representation and support for the
30 important services they provide; and

1 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's juvenile justice service providers in
2 coordination with the Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative
3 Programs merit one week of recognition for their unending
4 services aimed at protecting our communities and assisting
5 Pennsylvania's youths; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
7 week of September 23 through 29, 2018, as "Juvenile Detention
8 Centers and Alternative Programs Week" in Pennsylvania.