THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1167 Session of 2018

INTRODUCED BY BULLOCK, BIZZARRO, HENNESSEY, BURNS, McCLINTON, THOMAS, WARD, DONATUCCI, DiGIROLAMO, KIRKLAND, YOUNGBLOOD AND READSHAW, OCTOBER 16, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER 16, 2018

A RESOLUTION

- Designating the month of October 2018 as "Halloween Safety Month" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Parents, neighborhood associations and local
- 4 officials must consider child safety when planning, conducting
- 5 or participating in Halloween observances; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Whether walking or driving, families should preplan
- 7 a familiar trick-or-treating route; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Traffic safety guidelines and situational awareness
- 9 are important as trick-or-treaters navigate streets and
- 10 intersections going door-to-door; and
- 11 WHEREAS, To make Halloween a happy occasion and ensure that
- 12 children stay as safe as possible, families should review
- 13 hazards and age-appropriate safety skills; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Speeding cars, low visibility and injuries from
- 15 sharp objects while pumpkin carving or trick-or-treating are
- 16 known hazards; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Darting or running into the road and tripping or

- 1 falling while wearing a mask or ill-fitting costume are other
- 2 known hazards; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Children should trick-or-treat in groups, supervised
- 4 by a responsible adult; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Flashlights or glow sticks and reflective material
- 6 on a child's costume increase visibility; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Halloween safety includes avoiding open flames and
- 8 other heat sources; and
- 9 WHEREAS, To avoid risks of tampering and food allergies,
- 10 adults must inspect all candy before children can eat any of it;
- 11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, Awareness of safety risks and precautions is
- 13 essential for enjoyable Halloween experiences for children,
- 14 families and communities in this Commonwealth; therefore be it
- 15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
- 16 month of October 2018 as "Halloween Safety Month" in
- 17 Pennsylvania.