
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, HAYWOOD, STREET, SABATINA, TARTAGLIONE,
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COSTA, HUGHES, BROWNE, GREENLEAF, ARGALL, REGAN, FARNESE,
SCHWANK, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, BAKER, FOLMER AND KILLION,
APRIL 26, 2017

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 26, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2017 as "Child Abuse Prevention
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Children bring happiness into our lives and hope to
4 our futures; and

5 WHEREAS, Children are our greatest joy and our most important
6 responsibility; and

7 WHEREAS, It is our responsibility as parents, friends,
8 neighbors, citizens and lawmakers to nurture and protect
9 children, providing an atmosphere of love and respect in which
10 they are able to grow into healthy, well-adjusted and productive
11 adults; and

12 WHEREAS, The Senate, as a legislative body, has an ongoing
13 commitment to protect the rights and needs of children; and

14 WHEREAS, Child abuse crosses all racial, economic and
15 geographic boundaries; and

16 WHEREAS, Child abuse has reached epidemic proportions across

1 this nation and throughout this Commonwealth; and

2 WHEREAS, In 2015, more than 40,590 cases of possible child
3 abuse or maltreatment were referred for investigation in this
4 Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, There were 4,203 substantiated cases of child abuse
6 and neglect in this Commonwealth in 2015; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2014, 1.2 out of every 1,000 Pennsylvania
8 children were found to be victims of child abuse; and

9 WHEREAS, Thousands of Pennsylvanians in schools, social
10 service agencies, churches and neighborhood groups throughout
11 this Commonwealth are working hard to nurture and support the
12 victims of child abuse and prevent future abuse; and

13 WHEREAS, In spite of the dedication and sacrifice of these
14 individuals, much more needs to be done to guarantee a childhood
15 free of abuse and victimization to every child in this
16 Commonwealth; and

17 WHEREAS, As our knowledge about the prevention and treatment
18 of child abuse grows, we must provide support, information and
19 guidance to families in which signs of child abuse exist;
20 therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2017
22 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate continue to do its part in creating
25 a nurturing and supportive environment for all children in this
26 Commonwealth so that they have the opportunity to grow up to be
27 healthy and productive citizens; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the many individuals and
29 community groups and organizations who work daily to treat and
30 prevent child abuse in this Commonwealth and urge all

1 Pennsylvanians to do their part in preventing the tragedy of
2 child abuse.