
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 280 Session of
2019

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FREEMAN, SANCHEZ, LONGIETTI, HILL-EVANS, NEILSON, KORTZ AND
CIRESI, APRIL 29, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 29, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 4, 2019, as "Anti-bullying Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania in support of those working hard to raise
3 awareness of bullying and prevent its occurrence.

4 WHEREAS, Bullying is physical, verbal, sexual or emotional
5 harm or intimidation intentionally directed at an individual or
6 group of individuals; and

7 WHEREAS, Bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds,
8 schools and through technology such as the Internet and cell
9 phones; and

10 WHEREAS, Thousands of Pennsylvania children and adolescents
11 are affected by bullying annually; and

12 WHEREAS, Targets of bullying are more likely to acquire
13 physical, emotional and learning problems; and

14 WHEREAS, Students who are repeatedly bullied often fear
15 activities, including riding the bus, going to school and
16 attending community activities; and

1 WHEREAS, Children who bully are at greater risk of engaging
2 in more serious violent behaviors; and

3 WHEREAS, Children who witness bullying often feel less
4 secure, more fearful and intimidated; and

5 WHEREAS, Bullying directly affects a student's ability to
6 learn, and bullied students may find it difficult to concentrate
7 in school; and

8 WHEREAS, Bullied students show a decline in grades and lose
9 self-esteem, self-confidence and self-worth; and

10 WHEREAS, Students can be especially effective in bullying
11 intervention; and

12 WHEREAS, According to PACER's National Bullying Prevention
13 Center, more than 55% of bullying situations will stop when a
14 peer intervenes; and

15 WHEREAS, Student education on how to address bullying for
16 peers is critical, as is the support of adults; and

17 WHEREAS, May is a time when anti-bullying activities take
18 place in schools and communities; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 4,
20 2019, as "Anti-bullying Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania in
21 support of those working hard to raise awareness of bullying and
22 prevent its occurrence.