
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 323 Session of
2019

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CULVER AND GILLEN, MAY 8, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 8, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 25, 2019, as "National Missing Children's Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Between 1979 and 1981, a series of high-profile
4 missing children cases and 29 murders of children and young
5 adults in Atlanta, Georgia, brought attention to the lack of
6 coordinated efforts among Federal, state and local law
7 enforcement to search for missing children; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1982, the Missing Children Act (Public Law 97-
9 292, 96 Stat. 1259) was enacted, allowing information on missing
10 children to be entered into the Federal Bureau of
11 Investigation's National Crime Information Center database; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1984, the National Center for Missing and
13 Exploited Children (NCMEC) was created; and

14 WHEREAS, NCMEC partners with the United States Department of
15 Justice to help law enforcement find missing children, eliminate

1 child sexual exploitation and prevent child victimization; and

2 WHEREAS, According to NCMEC, 424,066 children were reported
3 missing in 2018; and

4 WHEREAS, Of these cases of missing children, more than 23,500
5 were runaways and one in seven were likely victims of child sex
6 trafficking; and

7 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania alone, 129 children were reported
8 missing; and

9 WHEREAS, During the last 35 years, NCMEC's national toll-free
10 hotline has received more than 4.8 million calls; and

11 WHEREAS, NCMEC has assisted law enforcement in the recovery
12 of 290,000 missing children since being founded; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 25,
14 2019, as "National Missing Children's Day" in Pennsylvania; and
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge local
17 governments, communities and law enforcement throughout this
18 Commonwealth to participate in the protection of children and
19 educate children about child abduction and sexual exploitation
20 and how to respond and seek help.