
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY KNOWLES, HENNESSEY, DAY, MILLARD, RYAN,
DIGIROLAMO, BROOKS, SCHMITT, KORTZ, CALTAGIRONE, BURNS,
WHEELAND AND JOZWIAK, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 30 through October 4, 2019, as
2 "Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative Programs Week" in
3 Pennsylvania.

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

9 WHEREAS, Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative Programs,
10 an association of Pennsylvania service providers, originally
11 established in 1978, is celebrating 41 years as a juvenile
12 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
18 designed programs to all 67 counties of this Commonwealth to

1 address the individualized needs of specific populations; and

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

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's Juvenile Detention Centers and
7 Alternative Programs, adhering to the Balanced and Restorative
8 Justice Model, contribute to public safety by providing a stable
9 environment for at-risk youths, providing education and
10 programming and ensuring sufficient opportunities for growth and
11 development of Pennsylvania's youths; and

12 WHEREAS, Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative Programs
13 ensure every child's health and well-being by providing
14 competency development, self-discipline and stabilization
15 through comprehensive physical and behavioral health evaluations
16 as well as community involvement; and

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

20 WHEREAS, Youth care workers in Pennsylvania's Juvenile
21 Detention Centers and Alternative Programs stand ready on a
22 daily basis to respond to youths who display an array of
23 unresolved mental health, behavioral, educational and emotional
24 issues; and

25 WHEREAS, Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative Programs,
26 an affiliate of the County Commissioners Association of
27 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 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 30 through October 4, 2019, as "Juvenile
8 Detention Centers and Alternative Programs Week" in
9 Pennsylvania.