
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 553 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, PASHINSKI, HENNESSEY, BIZZARRO,
LONGIETTI, RYAN, MATZIE, HILL-EVANS, KORTZ, SONNEY, KULIK,
SCHLOSSBERG, FREEMAN, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, KAUFFMAN,
YOUNGBLOOD, MILLARD, NEILSON, DEASY, McNEILL, JOHNSON-
HARRELL, DiGIROLAMO, DeLUCA, O'MARA, KINSEY, MADDEN,
McCLINTON, MARKOSEK AND SCHWEYER, OCTOBER 11, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, OCTOBER 11, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 21, 2019, as "Children's Grief Awareness
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Children who experience the loss of a loved one,
4 especially a close family member, can carry that loss with them
5 forever, and the loss sometimes causes confusion as to why their
6 loved one was taken away; and

7 WHEREAS, Highmark Caring Place is a center for grieving
8 children, adolescents and their families; and

9 WHEREAS, There are four Caring Place centers throughout this
10 Commonwealth which provide a place where, above all, individuals
11 and families can find comfort, understanding and help in time of
12 grief; and

13 WHEREAS, "Children's Grief Awareness Day" was started in this
14 Commonwealth by the Highmark Caring Place in 2008 to help others
15 understand the impact of death on children and their need for
16 support; and

1 WHEREAS, "Children's Grief Awareness Day" is observed every
2 year on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, immediately preceding
3 the winter holidays, which can be a particularly difficult time
4 for grieving children; and

5 WHEREAS, A simple way to participate is to encourage as many
6 people as possible to wear blue on that day as a symbol of
7 support for "Children's Grief Awareness Day"; and

8 WHEREAS, On November 21, 2019, Caring Team for Grieving
9 Children schools, along with children and adults from all walks
10 of life across Pennsylvania, join together with thousands of
11 others nationally and internationally to show their support for
12 grieving children by participating in "Children's Grief
13 Awareness Day"; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
15 November 21, 2019, as "Children's Grief Awareness Day" in
16 Pennsylvania.