

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 572 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, BIZZARRO, PICKETT, HENNESSEY, SONNEY, THOMAS, KORTZ, KAUFFMAN, LONGIETTI, RYAN, KINSEY, TOEPEL, SCHLOSSBERG, HICKERNELL, JONES, BROWN, STRUZZI, McNEILL, FREEMAN, SCHMITT, ZABEL, DiGIROLAMO, YOUNGBLOOD, BURNS, HELM, MILLARD, HILL-EVANS, POLINCHOCK, STAATS, MACKENZIE, BERNSTINE, B. MILLER, DEASY, OWLETT, CALTAGIRONE, KIM, READSHAW, HOWARD, SCHWEYER, MOUL, JOHNSON-HARRELL, TOOHL AND GILLEN, OCTOBER 18, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, OCTOBER 18, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 23, 2019, as "National Adoption Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Adoption provides a child with a lifetime connection
4 to a family, profoundly changing the course of that child's life
5 by providing stability, security, love and opportunity; and

6 WHEREAS, "National Adoption Day" is a collective national
7 effort to raise awareness of more than 123,000 children across
8 the United States who are in foster care and waiting to be
9 adopted; and

10 WHEREAS, This annual one-day event held on the Saturday
11 before Thanksgiving has made the dreams of thousands of children
12 come true by working with policymakers, practitioners and
13 advocates to finalize adoptions and further create and celebrate
14 adoptive families; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2018, 4,000 children in the United States had

1 their adoptions finalized on the 19th annual "National Adoption
2 Day"; and

3 WHEREAS, Since its inception in 2000, "National Adoption Day"
4 has helped nearly 70,000 children in the United States move from
5 foster care to adoption; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 2,500 children in this Commonwealth are
7 currently waiting to be adopted; and

8 WHEREAS, The average wait for a child in foster care to be
9 adopted is three years; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 20,000 children in the United States age
11 out of the foster care system every year with no family or
12 permanent home; and

13 WHEREAS, The collaboration between and commitment of both
14 public and private adoption agencies should be recognized as
15 these agencies tirelessly address the needs of children
16 throughout this Commonwealth and this nation; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
18 November 23, 2019, as "National Adoption Day" in Pennsylvania.