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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1015 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, SCHMITT, SCHLEGEL CULVER, THOMAS, HILL-  
EVANS, BURNS, SONNEY, RYAN, KINSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, LONGIETTI,  
ROTHMAN, MADDEN, KIRKLAND, MURT, DAY, POLINCHOCK, MACKENZIE,  
HOWARD, DRISCOLL, NEILSON, READSHAW, GREEN, MILLARD AND  
SAYLOR, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 5, 2020, as "Blue Shirt Day® World Day of  
2 Bullying Prevention™" in Pennsylvania in support of those  
3 working hard to raise awareness of bullying and prevent its  
4 occurrence.

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

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Students who are repeatedly bullied often fear  
16 activities, including riding the bus, going to school and  
17 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, show a decline in grades and lose self-esteem, self-  
8 confidence and self-worth; and

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

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

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

16       WHEREAS, October is "National Bullying Prevention Awareness  
17 Month," a time when antibullying activities take place in  
18 schools and communities; and

19       WHEREAS, Founded in 2005, STOMP Out Bullying™ focuses on  
20 reducing and preventing bullying, cyberbullying, sexting and  
21 other digital abuse, educating against racism and hatred and  
22 deterring violence in schools, online and in communities across  
23 the country; and

24       WHEREAS, To signify the importance of "National Bullying  
25 Prevention Awareness Month," STOMP Out Bullying™, the leading  
26 national antibullying and cyberbullying organization for kids  
27 and teens, created "Blue Shirt Day® World Day of Bullying  
28 Prevention™"; and

29       WHEREAS, Since 2008, "Blue Shirt Day® World Day of Bullying  
30 Prevention™" has been recognized on the first Monday of

1 October, which is October 5 this year; and

2 WHEREAS, STOMP Out Bullying<sup>TM</sup> asks students, schools, parents  
3 and businesses to GO BLUE on October 5, 2020, by wearing a blue  
4 shirt; and

5 WHEREAS, A collective effort within our communities and  
6 schools is vital to raising awareness of bullying and bullying  
7 prevention; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October  
9 5, 2020, as "Blue Shirt Day® World Day of Bullying Prevention<sup>TM</sup>"  
10 in Pennsylvania in support of those working hard to raise  
11 awareness of bullying and prevent its occurrence.