
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 27 through October 2, 2020, as
2 "Juvenile Services Providers Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

8 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Partnership for Juvenile Services
9 (PPJS), an association of Pennsylvania service providers, was
10 originally established in 1978 and is celebrating 42 years as a
11 juvenile justice service provider; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania service providers have adapted to
13 serving low-risk to moderate-risk youths within the community
14 and moderate-risk to high-risk youths in residential programs;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania service providers offer uniquely
17 designed programs to all 67 counties of this Commonwealth to

1 address the individualized needs of specific populations,
2 including secure detention, secure treatment, institutional
3 facilities, group homes, foster homes and community-based and
4 in-home family-based programming; and

5 WHEREAS, The members of PPJS, adhering to the Balanced and
6 Restorative Justice Model, contribute to public safety by
7 providing a stable environment for at-risk youths, providing
8 education and programming and ensuring sufficient opportunities
9 for growth and development of Pennsylvania's youth; and

10 WHEREAS, The members PPJS also ensure every child's health
11 and well-being by providing competency development, self-
12 discipline and stabilization through comprehensive physical and
13 behavioral health evaluations as well as community involvement;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Thousands of men and women are dedicated to ensuring
16 the proper care and supervision of youths through the
17 application of evidence-informed practices and trauma-informed
18 approaches designed to positively impact youth according to
19 their developmental needs; and

20 WHEREAS, Youth care worker members of the PPJS stand ready to
21 respond to youths who display an array of unresolved mental
22 health, behavioral, educational, emotional and intellectual
23 issues; and

24 WHEREAS, PPJS acts as a key resource for these service
25 providers offering education, representation and support for the
26 important services they provide for the Commonwealth's youths
27 and communities; and

28 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's juvenile justice service providers in
29 coordination with PPJS, merit a week of recognition for their
30 unending services aimed at protecting our communities and

1 assisting Pennsylvania's youth; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
3 week of September 27 through October 3, 2020, as "Juvenile
4 Services Providers Week" in Pennsylvania.