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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1041 Session of  
2020

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INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, SCHLEGEL CULVER, READSHAW, HENNESSEY,  
MURT, MIHALEK, TOEPEL, ROTHMAN, HILL-EVANS, HICKERNELL,  
FREEMAN, BURNS, RYAN, HOWARD, KINSEY, SCHMITT, MACKENZIE,  
MADDEN, NEILSON, STRUZZI, GREEN, MOUL, BERNSTINE, MILLARD,  
B. MILLER, KORTZ AND ZIMMERMAN, OCTOBER 7, 2020

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 7, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 23, 2020, 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 125,000 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, Since its inception in 2000, "National Adoption Day"  
16 has helped nearly 75,000 children in the United States move from

1 foster care to adoption; and

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

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

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

9 WHEREAS, The collaboration between and commitment of both  
10 public and private adoption agencies should be recognized as  
11 these agencies tirelessly address the needs of children  
12 throughout the nation and this Commonwealth; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize  
14 November 23, 2020, as "National Adoption Day" in Pennsylvania.