
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 30 through October 4, 2019, as
2 "Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative Programs Week" in
3 Pennsylvania.

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

9 WHEREAS, The Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative
10 Programs, an association of Pennsylvania service providers,
11 originally established in 1978, is celebrating 41 years as a
12 juvenile justice service provider association; and

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

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

1 address the individualized needs of specific populations; and

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania service providers offer an array of
3 services, including secure detention, secure treatment,
4 institutional facilities, group homes, foster homes and
5 community-based and in-home programming; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's Juvenile Detention Centers and
7 Alternative Programs, adhering to the Balanced and Restorative
8 Justice Model, contributes to public safety by providing a
9 stable environment for at-risk youths, providing education and
10 programming and ensuring sufficient opportunities for growth and
11 development of Pennsylvania's youths; and

12 WHEREAS, Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative Programs
13 ensures every child's health and well-being by providing
14 competency development, self-discipline and stabilization
15 through comprehensive physical and behavioral health evaluations
16 as well as community involvement; and

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

22 WHEREAS, Youth care workers in Pennsylvania's Juvenile
23 Detention Centers and Alternative Programs stand ready to
24 respond to youths who display an array of unresolved mental
25 health, behavioral, educational, emotional and intellectual
26 issues; and

27 WHEREAS, The Juvenile Detention Centers and Alternative
28 Programs acts as a key resource for these service providers,
29 offering education, representation and support for the important
30 services that they provide for this Commonwealth's youths and

1 communities; and

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's juvenile justice service providers,
3 in coordination with the Juvenile Detention Centers and
4 Alternative Programs, merit one week of recognition for their
5 unending services aimed at protecting our communities and
6 assisting Pennsylvania's youths; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of September 30
8 through October 4, 2019, as "Juvenile Detention Centers and
9 Alternative Programs Week" in Pennsylvania.