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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 23, 2020, as "Drugs Kill Dreams Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania and encouraging Pennsylvanians to participate in  
3 drug prevention education activities throughout the year to  
4 demonstrate their strong commitment to stopping drug and  
5 alcohol addiction and abuse before it begins.

6 WHEREAS, Research shows that a proactive approach works to  
7 reduce substance abuse among young adults if they are part of a  
8 community-based prevention effort while still in elementary and  
9 middle school; and

10 WHEREAS, A drug prevention program was established in 1994 by  
11 Armstrong County Magisterial District Judge, J. Gary DeComo, and  
12 was later renamed "Drugs Kill Dreams" in 2000; and

13 WHEREAS, The mission of the "Drugs Kill Dreams" program is to  
14 increase drug and alcohol prevention awareness in schools and  
15 communities throughout western Pennsylvania, adhering to a  
16 strong belief that if prevention is increased, addiction and  
17 crimes committed by individuals with addictions will decrease;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, "Drugs Kill Dreams" joins with similar programs  
20 across this Commonwealth, such as "Too Good for Drugs," "Guiding

1 Good Choices" and "PROSPER," to partner with schools, churches  
2 and other community organizations to share education materials  
3 and prevention messages, with the goal of stopping drug and  
4 alcohol addiction and abuse and encouraging youngsters to live  
5 healthy, respectful and responsible lifestyles; and

6 WHEREAS, Early prevention programs have been proven to be  
7 cost-effective, showing that for each dollar invested in  
8 prevention, a savings of up to \$10 in treatment for alcohol or  
9 other substance abuse can be seen; and

10 WHEREAS, The "Drugs Kill Dreams" program continues to raise  
11 awareness about drug and alcohol prevention by displaying the  
12 program's slogan on banners and youth sports uniforms and at the  
13 annual Drugs Kill Dreams basketball tournament; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize October 23, 2020, as  
15 "Drugs Kill Dreams Day" in Pennsylvania to raise awareness of  
16 the need for effective prevention programs and encourage  
17 community-based prevention activities throughout the year.