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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 20 through 24, 2021, as  
2 "Safe2Say Something Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Act 44 of 2018 established the Safe2Say Something  
4 Program in Pennsylvania; and

5 WHEREAS, The Safe2Say Something Program was established to be  
6 an anonymous resource for students, teachers and community  
7 members to report behavior perceived to be threatening to an  
8 individual or a school entity; and

9 WHEREAS, The Safe2Say Something Program includes a reporting  
10 system within the Office of Attorney General to accept and refer  
11 anonymous reports of threatening behavior; and

12 WHEREAS, The Office of Attorney General partners with Sandy  
13 Hook Promise to administer the Safe2Say Something Program; and

14 WHEREAS, The Office of Attorney General and Sandy Hook  
15 Promise train individuals to do all of the following:

16 (1) recognize warning signs and signals from individuals  
17 who may be a threat to themselves or others; and

1           (2) report concerns about individuals who may be a  
2 threat to themselves or others through the Safe2Say Something  
3 Program;

4 and

5           WHEREAS, On January 14, 2019, the Safe2Say Something Program  
6 began accepting reports and continues to accept reports 24 hours  
7 per day, seven days per week and 365 days per year; and

8           WHEREAS, From January 2019 through the end of the 2020-2021  
9 school year, the Office of Attorney General and Sandy Hook  
10 Promise have trained approximately 1,481,740 students on the  
11 Safe2Say Something Program; and

12           WHEREAS, The Office of Attorney General's third annual report  
13 on the Safe2Say Something Program was released on August 2,  
14 2021; and

15           WHEREAS, The report stated that since the Safe2Say Something  
16 Program began accepting reports in January 2019, more than  
17 56,709 reports have been submitted, with 10,495 received in the  
18 2020-2021 school year; and

19           WHEREAS, While initially intended to prevent threats against  
20 schools in this Commonwealth, the Safe2Say Something Program has  
21 highlighted a variety of behavior and mental health concerns in  
22 students; and

23           WHEREAS, Bullying/self-harm, suicide/suicide ideation and  
24 cutting are the top event types reported through the Safe2Say  
25 Something Program; and

26           WHEREAS, The United States Secret Service, National Threat  
27 Assessment Center, released a report that stated:

28           (1) more than 1 million students have reported being  
29 harassed, threatened or bullied;

30           (2) eighty percent of school shooters admitted their

1 plans ahead of time to at least one person; and

2 (3) seventy percent of individuals who took their own  
3 lives told someone of their plans or provided warning signs  
4 ahead of time;

5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Safe2Say Something Program is considered a  
7 national model to protect students, teachers, school employees  
8 and the community; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of September 20  
10 through 24, 2021, as "Safe2Say Something Week" in Pennsylvania.