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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY KINSEY, MADDEN, FLICK, CONKLIN, HILL-EVANS,  
PROBST, M. MACKENZIE, SCHLOSSBERG, GILLEN, HADDOCK, SANCHEZ,  
KHAN, CIRESI AND HOWARD, MAY 24, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, MAY 24, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2023 as "Foster Care Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The family, a primary source of love, identity,  
4 self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our  
5 communities and our Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2020, there were approximately 21,689 children  
7 and youth in foster care in this Commonwealth that were served  
8 by resource families; and

9 WHEREAS, Children and youth in foster care are provided a  
10 safe, secure and stable home and a compassionate and nurturing  
11 foster family; and

12 WHEREAS, Foster families open their homes and hearts to  
13 children whose families are in crisis; and

14 WHEREAS, Foster families play a vital role in helping  
15 children and families heal and reconnect and in preparing  
16 children for successful adulthood; and

17 WHEREAS, Dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster

1 children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, foster parents are the  
4 likeliest group to adopt children in the child welfare system  
5 who have had their goal changed to adoption; and

6 WHEREAS, Numerous individuals, public organizations and  
7 private organizations are working to increase awareness of the  
8 needs of children in foster care or leaving foster care and of  
9 the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents; and

10 WHEREAS, The foster care system is only as good as those  
11 individuals who choose to be part of it; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
13 month of May 2023 as "Foster Care Month" in Pennsylvania and  
14 urge all residents to volunteer their talents and energies on  
15 behalf of children in foster care, foster parents and child  
16 welfare professionals.