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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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KEARNEY, HUGHES, FONTANA, COMMITTA AND COLEMAN, MARCH 15, 2023

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 15, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2023 as "Alcohol Awareness Month"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Most adults in the United States who drink alcohol  
4 do so moderately and without complications, yet alcohol-related  
5 problems are among the most significant public health issues in  
6 the country; and

7 WHEREAS, Alcohol use disorder (AUD) affects about 15 million  
8 adults in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the National Institutes of Health, an  
10 estimated 140,000 people die from alcohol-related causes  
11 annually, making alcohol the fourth leading preventable cause of  
12 death in the nation; and

13 WHEREAS, Each April since 1987, the National Council on  
14 Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc., has sponsored "Alcohol  
15 Awareness Month" to increase public awareness and understanding,  
16 reduce stigma and encourage local communities to focus on  
17 alcohol use disorder and alcohol-related issues; and

18 WHEREAS, Adolescent drinking is a serious public health

1 problem in the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, According to the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use  
3 and Health, an estimated 414,000 adolescents 12 to 17 years of  
4 age had AUD; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the same study, nearly 7 million people  
6 12 to 20 years of age reported drinking alcohol in the past  
7 month and approximately 825,000 people 12 to 20 years of age  
8 reported heavy alcohol use in the past month; and

9 WHEREAS, Alcohol use during the teenage years can interfere  
10 with normal adolescent brain development, increase the risk of  
11 developing AUD and lead to unintended consequences such as  
12 injury, sexual assault, alcohol overdose and death; therefore be  
13 it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2023  
15 as "Alcohol Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate inform Pennsylvanians of the  
17 dangers associated with alcohol use and abuse in adults and  
18 children.