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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 171 Session of  
2023

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INTRODUCED BY MARTIN, HUGHES, BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, CAPPELLETTI,  
COSTA, FARRY, HAYWOOD, LANGERHOLC, LAUGHLIN, REGAN, ROBINSON  
AND TARTAGLIONE, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 25 through 29, 2023, as  
2 "Safe2Say Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

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

9 WHEREAS, The Office of Attorney General partners with Sandy  
10 Hook Promise to administer the Safe2Say Program; and

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

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

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

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1       WHEREAS, On January 14, 2019, the Safe2Say Program began  
2 accepting reports and continues to accept reports 24 hours per  
3 day, seven days per week and 365 days per year; and

4       WHEREAS, In the 2022-2023 school year, the Office of Attorney  
5 General and Sandy Hook Promise have trained approximately  
6 440,000 students on the Safe2Say Program; and

7       WHEREAS, The Office of Attorney General's annual report on  
8 the Safe2Say Program was released in August 2023; and

9       WHEREAS, The report stated that since the Safe2Say Program  
10 began accepting reports in January 2019, more than 113,000  
11 reports have been submitted, with 31,027 received in the 2022-  
12 2023 school year; and

13       WHEREAS, While initially intended to prevent threats against  
14 schools in this Commonwealth, the Safe2Say Program has  
15 highlighted a variety of behavior and mental health concerns in  
16 students; and

17       WHEREAS, Bullying, cyberbullying, smoking in school and  
18 suicide or suicidal ideation were the top event types reported  
19 through the Safe2Say Program in the 2022-2023 school year; and

20       WHEREAS, The Safe2Say Program is considered a national model  
21 to protect students, teachers, school employees and the  
22 community; and

23       WHEREAS, Data shows the continued success of the program as  
24 established by Act 44 of 2018; and

25       WHEREAS, The May 2023 report from the United States  
26 Department of Homeland Security, United States Secret Service  
27 Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency on improving  
28 school safety through bystander reporting noted that  
29 Pennsylvania's Safe2Say Program receives more reports per school  
30 year than every other state with a similar program; therefore be

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2 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of September 25  
3 through 29, 2023, as "Safe2Say Week" in Pennsylvania.