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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 275 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY WEBSTER, HILL-EVANS, CALTAGIRONE, WILLIAMS, GROVE,  
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McNEILL, SHUSTERMAN, O'MARA, RYAN, HANBIDGE, BURNS,  
DiGIROLAMO, HARKINS, STURLA, SOLOMON, BROWN, ULLMAN,  
BIZZARRO, OTTEN AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 29, 2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 29, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 29 through May 6, 2019, as  
2 "Children's Mental Health Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Addressing the complex mental health needs of  
4 children, youths and families is fundamental to the future of  
5 our Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Poor mental health and mental health disorders  
7 debilitate many and are an often overlooked health issue; and

8 WHEREAS, One in five children suffers from a mental disorder  
9 and 79% of children from 6 to 17 years of age living with a  
10 mental disorder do not receive mental health care; and

11 WHEREAS, Approximately 5% to 9% of children between 9 and 17  
12 years of age live with severe emotional disturbances that cause  
13 functional impairment in their daily lives; and

14 WHEREAS, Approximately 70% of children and young people who  
15 experience a mental health problem have not had appropriate

1 interventions at a sufficiently early age; and

2 WHEREAS, Recognizing signs of poor mental health in children  
3 is vitally important for successful child development; and

4 WHEREAS, Developing comprehensive, coordinated mental health  
5 services for children, youths and families is a critical  
6 responsibility of State government; and

7 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that we set aside one week each  
8 year to direct our attention to our children's mental health and  
9 well-being and our system of related resources and services;  
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
12 week of April 29 through May 6, 2019, as "Children's Mental  
13 Health Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That all residents, agencies and organizations  
15 interested in meeting every child's mental health needs unite in  
16 this observance in order to make our young constituents aware of  
17 available resources and become successful and healthy adults.