

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 36 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY BISHOP, K. BOYLE, W. KELLER, MICOZZIE, VEREB, STEPHENS, TOEPEL, O'BRIEN, B. BOYLE, BIZZARRO, RAVENSTAHL, HESS, MCNEILL, RAPP, MCGEEHAN, BAKER, HENNESSEY, WHITE, SCHLOSSBERG, LONGIETTI, SAYLOR, COHEN, O'NEILL, BOBACK, NEUMAN, ROSS, BROWNLEE, SWANGER, FLECK, DAVIS, V. BROWN, KORTZ, MAJOR, TALLMAN, SABATINA, BROOKS, D. COSTA, SANTARSIERO, MILLARD, PICKETT, MACKENZIE, BENNINGHOFF, CALTAGIRONE, FARINA, SCHLEGEL CULVER, READSHAW, HAHN, ROCK, ROEBUCK, EVERETT, GROVE, WATSON, THOMAS, HARHART, MATZIE, DAVIDSON, MOUL, GIBBONS, MILLER, MCCARTER, ROZZI, MAHONEY, GOODMAN, DENLINGER, P. DALEY, MILNE, STEVENSON, KINSEY, YOUNGBLOOD, DIGIROLAMO, DEASY, DELUCA, PARKER, GILLEN, SAINATO, PEIFER AND GRELL, JANUARY 23, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 23, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Observing February 2013 as "Children's Sexual Abuse Awareness  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The month of February is a magical month for most  
4 children, full of greeting cards, sweets and the warmth of a  
5 loving family, as the celebration of Valentine's Day fills the  
6 calendar; and

7 WHEREAS, Regrettably, for some children, February, like each  
8 other month of the year, is a time when they experience the  
9 horrors of sexual abuse; and

10 WHEREAS, Often this abuse is perpetuated by a close family  
11 member or friend, making its scars even deeper; and

12 WHEREAS, The warning signs of sexual abuse of children are

1 very difficult to discern, and the shame felt by victims usually  
2 causes them to remain silent; and

3 WHEREAS, For this reason, adults who become suspicious that  
4 sexual abuse of a child might be occurring must not ignore their  
5 responsibility to investigate and ask the child gentle yet  
6 probative questions and to pursue prosecution of the  
7 perpetrator; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives observe  
9 February 2013 as "Children's Sexual Abuse Awareness Month" in  
10 this Commonwealth.