
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 6, 2019, as "Domestic Violence Awareness
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Families are the foundation of a safe and healthy
4 community; and

5 WHEREAS, Domestic violence crosses all racial, social,
6 religious, ethnic, geographic and economic boundaries in this
7 Commonwealth and our nation; and

8 WHEREAS, One in three residents of this Commonwealth has
9 witnessed a domestic violence incident; and

10 WHEREAS, Teen dating violence patterns are similar to adult
11 domestic violence, with widespread effects on individuals,
12 families, schools, businesses and health care systems; and

13 WHEREAS, At least 40% of youths between 11 and 12 years of
14 age report that their friends have been victims of verbal abuse
15 in relationships; and

1 WHEREAS, Among teenagers in dating relationships, 30% have
2 received up to 30 text messages an hour from a partner who tries
3 to find out where they are, what they are doing or who they were
4 with at the time; and

5 WHEREAS, Teen dating violence includes physical, emotional
6 and sexual assault and harassment via texting, e-mail or instant
7 messaging; and

8 WHEREAS, It is the goal of the House of Representatives that
9 our communities be safe and our youths be protected; and

10 WHEREAS, The Demi Brae Cuccia Awareness Organization focuses
11 on the prevalence and the dangers of teen dating violence; and

12 WHEREAS, Demi Brae Cuccia was fatally stabbed in her
13 Monroeville home by an ex-boyfriend on August 15, 2007; and

14 WHEREAS, Born August 14, 1991, Demi Brae Cuccia was the
15 daughter of Gary Cuccia and Jodi Miceli, who are honoring her
16 memory through the Demi Brae Cuccia Awareness Organization;
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That, in recognition of the impact of teen dating
19 violence on the health and well-being of our communities, the
20 House of Representatives designate October 6, 2019, as "Domestic
21 Violence Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.