
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, PETRARCA, BERNSTINE, BURNS, PASHINSKI,
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GAINNEY, WHEELAND, HENNESSEY, WARREN, KAUFER, HOWARD AND
ROEBUCK, MAY 26, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, MAY 26, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 25, 2020, as "National Missing Children's Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On May 25, 1979, 6-year-old Etan Patz vanished from
4 a New York City street on his way to his school bus, and two
5 years later, 6-year-old Adam Walsh was kidnapped from a mall in
6 Hollywood, Florida; and

7 WHEREAS, These and other cases brought national awareness to
8 the lack of coordination and communication between law
9 enforcement in missing children cases; and

10 WHEREAS, The Missing Children Act, signed into law by the
11 President of the United States in 1982, required entry of
12 missing children data into the FBI's National Crime Information
13 Center database; and

14 WHEREAS, The National Center for Missing and Exploited
15 Children was created in 1984 to assist the Department of Justice

1 to help law enforcement find missing children, eliminate child
2 sexual exploitation and prevent child victimization; and

3 WHEREAS, The National Center for Missing and Exploited
4 Children has assisted law enforcement in the recovery of 311,000
5 missing children; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2019, the National Center for Missing and
7 Exploited Children assisted law enforcement and families with
8 more than 29,000 cases of missing children; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1983, the President of the United States
10 proclaimed the May 25 anniversary of Etan Patz's disappearance
11 as "National Missing Children's Day"; and

12 WHEREAS, "National Missing Children's Day" is dedicated to
13 encouraging parents, guardians, caregivers and others concerned
14 with the well-being of children to make child safety a priority,
15 and by reminding parents, guardians, families and communities
16 that every child deserves a safe childhood; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 25,
18 2020, as "National Missing Children's Day" in Pennsylvania.