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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY LANGERHOLC, DUSH, MARTIN, PITTMAN, PHILLIPS-HILL,  
MILLER, ARGALL, BARTOLOTTA, ROBINSON, FARRY, LAUGHLIN,  
J. WARD, REGAN, CAPPELLETTI, STEFANO, BOSCOLA, AUMENT, COSTA,  
HAYWOOD, BROOKS, VOGEL, KANE AND SCHWANK, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of February 13 through 19, 2023, as "THON  
2 Week" in Pennsylvania and honoring the work of The  
3 Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon  
4 student volunteers.

5 WHEREAS, THON is the commonly referred to name for The  
6 Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon,  
7 the largest student-run philanthropy event in the world; and

8 WHEREAS, THON's mission is to provide emotional and financial  
9 support, spread awareness and ensure funding for critical  
10 research in pursuit of a cure for pediatric cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, THON 2023 "Foster the Magic" celebrates a yearlong  
12 fundraising and awareness campaign, sustained by more than  
13 16,500 student volunteers who donate more than 5 million hours  
14 of their own time; and

15 WHEREAS, THON culminates in a 46-hour dance marathon in which  
16 dancers are required to be continuously moving and not allowed  
17 to sit or sleep; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1977, THON partnered with the Four Diamonds Fund

1 at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital and chose Four  
2 Diamonds as the sole beneficiary of THON's fundraising efforts;  
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4 WHEREAS, Four Diamonds offsets the cost of treatment that  
5 insurance does not cover, including medical and emotional  
6 support to ensure that all of a child's needs are met, and  
7 supports the medical team that cares for the children; and

8 WHEREAS, Four Diamonds funds pediatric cancer research  
9 through start-up grants and the Four Diamonds Pediatric Cancer  
10 Research Center and cares directly for 500 children with cancer,  
11 100 of which are children who have been newly diagnosed; and

12 WHEREAS, Since 1977, THON has raised more than \$204 million  
13 to help provide emotional and financial support to the children,  
14 families, researchers and staff of the Four Diamonds Fund; and

15 WHEREAS, The total fundraising amount of THON 2022, was  
16 \$13,756,374.50; and

17 WHEREAS, THON has inspired similar events and organizations  
18 across the United States, including at high schools and  
19 institutions of higher education, and continues to encourage  
20 students throughout the nation to volunteer and stay involved in  
21 great charitable causes in their communities and with their  
22 families; and

23 WHEREAS, Since its introduction, THON has supported more than  
24 4,800 children and families with childhood cancer and to this  
25 day continues to enable research and improve treatments, cures  
26 and benefits to ensure the cure of children with cancer around  
27 the world; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of February 13  
29 through 19, 2023, as "THON Week" in Pennsylvania and honor the  
30 work of The Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance

1 Marathon student volunteers.