THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 346

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INTRODUCED BY MARTIN, HUGHES, AUMENT, BAKER, BOSCOLA, BROWN, CAPPELLETTI, COSTA, HAYWOOD, LAUGHLIN, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE AND VOGEL, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

A RESOLUTION

Designating the week of September 16 through 20, 2024, as "Safe2Say Something Week" in Pennsylvania. 2 3 WHEREAS, Act 44 of 2018 established the Safe2Say Program in 4 Pennsylvania; and 5 WHEREAS, The Safe2Say Program was created to be an anonymous resource for students, school employees and community members to 6 report behavior perceived to be threatening to an individual or 7 8 school entity; and 9 WHEREAS, The Office of Attorney General partners with Sandy 10 Hook Promise to administer the Safe2Say Program; and 11 WHEREAS, The Office of Attorney General and Sandy Hook 12 Promise train individuals to do all of the following: 13 (1)recognize warning signs and signals from individuals 14 who may be a threat to themselves or others; and 15 report concerns about individuals who may be a 16 threat to themselves or others through the Safe2Say Program;

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and

- 1 WHEREAS, On January 14, 2019, the Safe2Say Program began
- 2 accepting reports and continues to accept reports 24 hours per
- 3 day, seven days per week and 365 days per year; and
- 4 WHEREAS, In the 2023-2024 school year, the Office of Attorney
- 5 General and Sandy Hook Promise have trained approximately
- 6 564,392 students on the Safe2Say Program; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The Office of Attorney General's annual report on
- 8 the Safe2Say Program was released in August 2024; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The report stated that since the Safe2Say Program
- 10 began accepting reports in January 2019, more than 146,513
- 11 reports have been submitted, with 32,873 received in the 2023-
- 12 2024 school year; and
- 13 WHEREAS, While initially intended to prevent threats against
- 14 schools in this Commonwealth, the Safe2Say Program has
- 15 highlighted a variety of behavior and mental health concerns in
- 16 students; and
- WHEREAS, Bullying, cyberbullying, smoking in school, drug
- 18 distribution and possession and suicide or suicidal ideation
- 19 were the top event types reported through the Safe2Say Program
- 20 in the 2023-2024 school year; and
- 21 WHEREAS, The Safe2Say Program is considered a national model
- 22 to protect students, teachers, school employees and the
- 23 community; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Data shows the continued success of the program as
- 25 established by Act 44 of 2018; and
- 26 WHEREAS, The May 2023 report from the United States
- 27 Department of Homeland Security, United States Secret Service
- 28 Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency on improving
- 29 school safety through bystander reporting noted that
- 30 Pennsylvania's Safe2Say Program receives more reports per school

- 1 year than every other state with a similar program; therefore be
- 2 it
- 3 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of September 16
- 4 through 20, 2024, as "Safe2Say Something Week" in Pennsylvania.