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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2017 as "Sexual Assault Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Widespread public awareness is the first step in
4 addressing sexual assault and its prevention; and

5 WHEREAS, Most victims of sexual assault are acquainted with
6 their assailants; and

7 WHEREAS, Children and youths experience sexual violence at
8 higher rates than adults; and

9 WHEREAS, One in four girls and one in six boys will be
10 sexually abused before reaching 18 years of age; and

11 WHEREAS, Being the victim of child sexual abuse doubles the
12 likelihood of adult sexual victimization; and

13 WHEREAS, Sexual assault is a significant problem on college
14 campuses; and

15 WHEREAS, One in five women and one in 33 men experience
16 sexual assault in their lifetime; and

17 WHEREAS, Sexual assault can have lasting, harmful effects on

1 survivors and their loved ones; and

2 WHEREAS, Supporting sexual assault survivors in times of
3 crisis and throughout their recovery is essential for individual
4 and social progress; and

5 WHEREAS, To preserve the safety and welfare of our fellow
6 citizens, we must confront harmful attitudes and actions; and

7 WHEREAS, To generate a comprehensive response to sexual
8 violence, we must highlight sexual assault prevention
9 initiatives and criminal justice programs; and

10 WHEREAS, To further implement a comprehensive response to
11 sexual violence, we must commit to breaking cycles of violence
12 and reducing crime rates in our communities; and

13 WHEREAS, The 2017 "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" campaign
14 focuses on prevention by providing resources to educate
15 individuals, colleges, businesses and communities on their
16 concerted roles; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2017
18 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.