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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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CULVER, DRISCOLL, SAINATO AND CIRESI, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 21 through 28, 2020, as  
2 "Safe2Say Something Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Act 44 of 2018 established the Safe2Say Something  
4 Program in Pennsylvania; and

5 WHEREAS, The Safe2Say Something Program was established to be  
6 an anonymous resource for students, teachers and community  
7 members to report behavior perceived to be threatening to an  
8 individual or a school entity; and

9 WHEREAS, The Safe2Say Something Program includes a reporting  
10 system within the Office of Attorney General to accept and refer  
11 anonymous reports of threatening behavior; and

12 WHEREAS, The Office of Attorney General partners with Sandy  
13 Hook Promise to administer the Safe2Say Something Program; and

14 WHEREAS, The Office of Attorney General and Sandy Hook  
15 Promise train individuals to do all of the following:

16 (1) Recognize warning signs and signals from individuals

1 who may be a threat to themselves or others.

2 (2) Report concerns about individuals who may be a  
3 threat to themselves or others through the Safe2Say Something  
4 Program;

5 and

6 WHEREAS, On January 14, 2019, the Safe2Say Something Program  
7 began accepting reports and continues to accept reports 24 hours  
8 per day, seven days per week and 365 days per year; and

9 WHEREAS, From January 2019 through the end of the 2019-2020  
10 school year, the Office of Attorney General and Sandy Hook  
11 Promise have trained approximately 1,090,679 students on the  
12 Safe2Say Something Program; and

13 WHEREAS, The Office of Attorney General's second annual  
14 report on the Safe2Say Something Program was released on August  
15 3, 2020; and

16 WHEREAS, The report stated that since the Safe2Say Something  
17 Program began accepting reports in January 2019, more than  
18 47,200 reports have been submitted; and

19 WHEREAS, While initially intended to prevent threats against  
20 schools in this Commonwealth, the Safe2Say Something Program has  
21 highlighted a variety of behavior and mental health concerns in  
22 students; and

23 WHEREAS, Bullying/cyber bullying, suicide/suicide ideation  
24 and cutting/self-harm are the top three event types reported  
25 through the Safe2Say Something Program; and

26 WHEREAS, The United States Secret Service, National Threat  
27 Assessment Center, released a report that stated:

28 (1) more than 1 million students have reported being  
29 harassed, threatened or bullied;

30 (2) eighty percent of school shooters admitted their

1 plans ahead of time to at least one person; and

2 (3) seventy percent of individuals who took their own  
3 lives told someone of their plans or provided warning signs  
4 ahead of time;

5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Safe2Say Something Program is considered a  
7 national model to protect students, teachers, school employees  
8 and the community; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
10 week of September 21 through 28, 2020, as "Safe2Say Something  
11 Week" in Pennsylvania.