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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 13 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, COHEN, BISHOP, BAKER, D. COSTA, DEASY,  
FREEMAN, KINSEY, DIGIROLAMO, PICKETT, THOMAS, HENNESSEY,  
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DONATUCCI, A. HARRIS, GILLEN, MILLARD, DUSH, SAYLOR, DeLUCA,  
MURT, CONKLIN, GINGRICH, WHEELAND, GIBBONS, MAHONEY AND  
McCARTER, JANUARY 21, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JANUARY 21, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of January 2015 as "Stalking Awareness  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, January 2015 will be observed nationally as the  
4 fifth annual Stalking Awareness Month; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the National Center for Victims of  
6 Crime, more than six million people, one in six women and one in  
7 19 men, are victims of stalkers annually; and

8 WHEREAS, Most frequently, stalkers are former intimate  
9 partners and abusers of the person being stalked and 76% of  
10 persons who have been murdered by their stalker have at one time  
11 been an intimate partner of that stalker; and

12 WHEREAS, Stalking victims experience lost time from work,  
13 anxiety, insomnia, social dysfunction and severe depression in  
14 significantly higher numbers than the general public; and

1       WHEREAS, Stalking pervasively occurs in neighborhoods, on  
2 college campuses and in workplace environments, and is a crime  
3 under the laws of all 50 states, the District of Columbia,  
4 United States territories and under Federal statute; and

5       WHEREAS, Notwithstanding these facts, awareness of the  
6 pervasiveness and detrimental social impact of stalking is  
7 minimal; and

8       WHEREAS, To raise social awareness, January 2015 has been set  
9 aside nationwide as Stalking Awareness Month; therefore be it

10       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
11 month of January 2015 as "Stalking Awareness Month" in  
12 Pennsylvania.