THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 235 Session of 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 4, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 2	Designating the week of November 12 through 18, 2023, as "Kindness Week" in Pennsylvania.
3	WHEREAS, Since 1988, "World Kindness Day" has been celebrated
4	across the globe on November 13; and
5	WHEREAS, The World Kindness Movement established this day to
6	promote kindness worldwide, to demonstrate the positive impacts
7	of large and small acts of kindness and to encourage harmony
8	among people; and
9	WHEREAS, Random acts of kindness to strangers, including
10	paying-it-forward at drive throughs or letting a car go in front
11	of you to merge into traffic, are simple ways that can be
12	meaningful to individuals; and
13	WHEREAS, Science has shown that kindness can be contagious;
14	and
15	WHEREAS, When bystanders witness acts of kindness they are
16	more likely to perform their own acts of kindness; and
17	WHEREAS, When individuals start making an effort to do small

acts of kindness it becomes a habit, which improves communities
and makes others feel valued; and

3 WHEREAS, Kindness does not have to cost anything and even a 4 compliment or texting a friend can brighten someone's day; and 5 WHEREAS, Other ways to show kindness include putting a sign 6 in your yard telling people things get better, volunteering in 7 your community, cooking a meal for a neighbor, picking up litter 8 or writing a thank you note to express your appreciation to 9 another person; and

10 WHEREAS, In celebration of how even small acts of kindness 11 can impact individuals, Pennsylvanians are encouraged to perform 12 at least one act of kindness each day during "Kindness Week"; 13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the 15 week of November 12 through 18, 2023, as "Kindness Week" in 16 Pennsylvania; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage 18 everyone to start being kind to one another for one week and 19 observe how the sense of community can be strengthened by doing 20 a few simple things each day.

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