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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 243 Session of  
2017

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INTRODUCED BY MACKENZIE, BAKER, BIZZARRO, BOBACK, V. BROWN,  
BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, D. COSTA, DIGIROLAMO, DRISCOLL, DUSH,  
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MARSICO, McNEILL, MILLARD, MURT, NEILSON, PICKETT, READSHAW,  
ROZZI, RYAN, SONNEY, TOOHL, WARD, WATSON AND WHEELAND,  
APRIL 12, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 12, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2017 as "Child Identity Theft  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, According to the United States Postal Inspection  
4 Service, identity theft is America's fastest growing crime; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the United States Postal Inspection  
6 Service, 9.9 million Americans were victims of identity theft in  
7 2011; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the United States Postal Inspection  
9 Service, losses incurred by Americans victimized by identity  
10 theft totaled approximately \$5 billion in 2011; and

11 WHEREAS, According to a study conducted by ID Analytics, more  
12 than 140,000 children are victims of identity theft annually in  
13 the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission testified before the  
15 Congress of the United States that child identity theft is

1 especially pernicious because the theft may not be detected  
2 until the child becomes an adult and seeks employment or applies  
3 for a student or car loan; and

4 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Trade Commission, an  
5 identity thief may steal a child's personal identifying  
6 information to get a job, government benefits, medical care,  
7 utilities, car loans or a mortgage; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Trade Commission, misuse of  
9 Social Security numbers can occur in cases where the victim is  
10 as young as 14 years of age; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
12 month of April 2017 as "Child Identity Theft Awareness Month" in  
13 Pennsylvania.