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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 332 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY DEASY, MAYES, HARKINS, GIRAL, VENKAT, MARSHALL,  
PARKER, KINSEY, NEILSON, CERRATO, M. JONES AND DELLOSO,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 5, 2024

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 21 through 27, 2024, as "National  
2 Crime Victims' Rights Week" in Pennsylvania to recognize the  
3 rights of crime victims and survivors, along with those  
4 professionals who provide important services to victims of  
5 crime.

6 WHEREAS, Everyday across our Commonwealth and the nation  
7 people fall prey to a variety of crimes affecting them in many  
8 different ways; and

9 WHEREAS, The support victims need is highlighted by the  
10 family of Melissa Bowers, after she was killed by her abusive  
11 boyfriend in 2012, as families of victims are often left  
12 struggling after crimes take place; and

13 WHEREAS, Established in 1981, "National Crime Victims' Rights  
14 Week" was set with the goal to get people to confront and remove  
15 barriers to achieve justice for all victims of crime; and

16 WHEREAS, During this week, we work to raise awareness about  
17 crime victims' rights and services, while celebrating the  
18 accomplishments of crime victims' rights awareness; and

19 WHEREAS, Millions of Federal and State dollars are invested

1 annually for victim compensation programs and other assistance  
2 and training to prevent crime and aid victims of crime but we  
3 still need to do more; and

4 WHEREAS, This year's theme asks all of us "How Would You  
5 Help?"; and

6 WHEREAS, One such way to help is by taking the Men's  
7 Challenge Pledge, which states "I pledge not to participate in,  
8 approve of, or remain silent about violence. I pledge to be an  
9 active bystander who will speak out about violence against women  
10 and girls. I will encourage all men to work together with Center  
11 for Victims and use our collective voices and resources to end  
12 all forms of violence"; and

13 WHEREAS, The embodiment of this year's theme is a call-to-  
14 action for us all to create safe environments for crime victims  
15 to share what happened to them which allows us to be able to  
16 offer support, options for lifesaving services and, ultimately,  
17 hope; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
19 week of April 21 through 27, 2024, as "National Crime Victims'  
20 Rights Week" in Pennsylvania to recognize, support and bring  
21 awareness of crime victims and survivors, along with those  
22 professionals who provide important services to victims of  
23 crime.