
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 384 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, BISHOP, MAJOR, KIRKLAND, BAKER,
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JAMES, KORTZ, FLECK, GINGRICH, MURT, HESS, ROSS, NEILSON,
D. COSTA, BROWNLEE, FRANKEL, GOODMAN, ROCK, THOMAS, KULA AND
QUINN, JUNE 20, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 20, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 21, 2013, as "Children's Grief Awareness
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Children who have had a loved one die, especially a
4 close family member, can carry that loss within them forever,
5 and it sometimes causes confusion in their minds as to why their
6 loved one was taken away; and

7 WHEREAS, Highmark Caring Place is a center for grieving
8 children, adolescents and their families, and there are four
9 Caring Place centers throughout this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, Some families regard Highmark Caring Place centers
11 as the salvation of their family unit, a place where, above all,
12 they can find comfort, understanding and help in time of grief;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, "Children's Grief Awareness Day" was begun in this
15 Commonwealth by the Highmark Caring Place in 2008 in order to

1 help others understand the impact of death on children and their
2 need for support; and

3 WHEREAS, "Children's Grief Awareness Day" is observed every
4 year on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, immediately preceding
5 the winter holidays, which can be a particularly difficult time
6 for grieving children; and

7 WHEREAS, A simple way to participate is to encourage as many
8 people as possible to wear blue on that day as a symbol of
9 support for "Children's Grief Awareness Day"; and

10 WHEREAS, The Caring Team for Children is an initiative of
11 Highmark Caring Place which encompasses hundreds of schools,
12 businesses and community partners working together to increase a
13 common awareness of the needs of grieving children; and

14 WHEREAS, This year, on November 21, 2013, Caring Team for
15 Children schools, along with children and adults from all walks
16 of life across Pennsylvania, will join together with thousands
17 of others nationally and internationally to show their support
18 for grieving children by participating in "Children's Grief
19 Awareness Day"; and

20 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives applauds the work being
21 accomplished by the Highmark Caring Place and the Caring Team
22 for Children schools across this Commonwealth; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
24 November 21, 2013, as "Children's Grief Awareness Day" in
25 Pennsylvania.