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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 813 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED BY MACKENZIE, BAKER, R. BROWN, V. BROWN, BURNS,  
COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, COX, DAY, DIGIROLAMO, DRISCOLL,  
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MILLARD, MILNE, MURT, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PICKETT, READSHAW,  
ROSS, ROZZI, SONNEY, TOOHL, VEREB, WARD, WATSON, WHEELAND  
AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 13, 2016

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 13, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2016 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, More than 140,000 children are victims of identity  
12 theft annually in the United States according to a study  
13 conducted by ID Analytics; and

14 WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission testified before  
15 Congress that child identity theft is especially pernicious

1 because the theft may not be detected until the child becomes an  
2 adult and seeks employment or applies for a student or car loan;  
3 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 2016 as "Child Identity Theft Awareness Month" in  
13 Pennsylvania.