
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, BIZZARRO, SONNEY, DONATUCCI, READSHAW,
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SCHLEGEL CULVER, B. MILLER, KAUFER, WHEELAND, GAINNEY AND
HOHENSTEIN, MAY 26, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, MAY 26, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 1 through 5, 2020, as "Child
2 Welfare Professionals Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Every day in this Commonwealth, thousands of
4 children are at risk of child abuse and neglect or have been
5 removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect; and

6 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth recognizes the risks and the need
7 to protect children in this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, The challenging task of investigating child abuse,
9 providing services to families, assessing safety and providing
10 services to ensure that this Commonwealth's children are given
11 nurturance, family connections, support as they transition into
12 adulthood and services that allow children to remain safely in
13 their homes or return home as expeditiously as possible, falls
14 to the child welfare professionals of the Commonwealth's child
15 welfare system; and

16 WHEREAS, The work of child welfare professionals may require

1 them to enter into situations in which their personal safety may
2 be put at risk; and

3 WHEREAS, Child welfare professionals work in difficult and
4 emotional situations with children who have been victimized by
5 physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect and other forms of
6 maltreatment; and

7 WHEREAS, Child welfare professionals must develop great skill
8 in working with families who are in crisis situations,
9 struggling with mental health challenges and suffering from drug
10 and alcohol conditions, poverty and other difficult issues; and

11 WHEREAS, Child welfare professionals must develop substantial
12 knowledge and skills surrounding the rights of families, the
13 laws surrounding child welfare and the legal processes governing
14 the child welfare system; and

15 WHEREAS, Child welfare professionals selflessly undertake the
16 endeavor to protect this Commonwealth's children, often with low
17 pay, long hours, tremendous demands, little appreciation and
18 great criticism, all of which has a dramatic impact on their
19 personal lives; and

20 WHEREAS, Every year child welfare professionals are injured
21 or killed in their pursuit to protect children across the United
22 States; and

23 WHEREAS, Innumerable injuries and deaths of children have
24 been averted due to the efforts of child welfare professionals;
25 therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
27 week of June 1 through 5, 2020, as "Child Welfare Professionals
28 Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.