## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 18, 2018

## A RESOLUTION

- Recognizing May 25, 2018, as "National Missing Children's Day" in Pennsylvania and urging participation in child protection.
- 3 WHEREAS, Between 1979 and 1981, a series of high-profile
- 4 missing children cases and 29 murders of children and young
- 5 adults in Atlanta, Georgia, brought attention to the lack of
- 6 coordinated efforts among Federal, state and local law
- 7 enforcement to search for missing children; and
- 8 WHEREAS, In 1982, the Missing Children Act (Public Law 97-
- 9 292, 96 Stat. 1259) was enacted, allowing information on missing
- 10 children to be entered into the Federal Bureau of
- 11 Investigation's National Crime Information Center; and
- 12 WHEREAS, In 1984, the National Center for Missing and
- 13 Exploited Children (NCMEC) was created; and
- 14 WHEREAS, NCMEC partners with the United States Department of

- 1 Justice to help law enforcement find missing children, eliminate
- 2 child sexual exploitation and prevent child victimization; and
- 3 WHEREAS, According to NCMEC, approximately 800,000 children
- 4 are reported missing each year; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Of these cases of missing children, more than
- 6 203,000 are victims of family abductions and an estimated 58,000
- 7 are victims of nonfamily abductions; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Annually, an estimated 115 children are victims of
- 9 kidnappings in which the perpetrator is a stranger or slight
- 10 acquaintance and the child is placed in grave danger; and
- 11 WHEREAS, NCMEC has assisted law enforcement in the recovery
- 12 of 208,000 missing children since being founded; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 25,
- 14 2018, as "National Missing Children's Day" in Pennsylvania and
- 15 urge local governments, communities and law enforcement
- 16 throughout this Commonwealth to participate in the protection of
- 17 children and educate children about child abduction and sexual
- 18 exploitation and how to respond and seek help.