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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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SCHWANK AND KILLION, JUNE 12, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 10 through 17, 2019, as "Disability  
2 Pride Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, All people, including those with disabilities,  
4 should be guaranteed the right to receive a quality education,  
5 to be productive members of our workforce, to raise families, to  
6 exert control and choice over their own lives and to have equal  
7 opportunity to access and participate in all facets of life; and

8 WHEREAS, Having a disability should be seen as a natural part  
9 of human diversity; and

10 WHEREAS, Many people with disabilities share a cultural  
11 experience and history; and

12 WHEREAS, Nearly 30 years ago, the Americans with Disabilities  
13 Act of 1990 was signed into law, ending discrimination against  
14 and providing equal opportunity for persons with disabilities in  
15 employment, education, government services, public  
16 accommodations, commercial facilities and transportation; and

17 WHEREAS, In spite of the Americans with Disabilities Act of

1 1990, people with disabilities continue to face tremendous  
2 challenges in our society that test their resolve  
3 sociologically, emotionally and psychologically, as well as face  
4 negative cultural assumptions based on fears and myths that need  
5 to be eliminated and replaced with presumptions of competence,  
6 strength and individual worth; and

7 WHEREAS, "Disability Pride Week," is a celebration that seeks  
8 to educate and change the way that people think about and define  
9 those with disabilities by promoting the belief that disability  
10 is a natural and beautiful part of human diversity in which  
11 people living with disabilities can take pride; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of June 10  
13 through 17, 2019, as "Disability Pride Week" in Pennsylvania;  
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge residents of this Commonwealth  
16 to honor Americans with disabilities by educating themselves on  
17 ways to support and encourage understanding of persons with  
18 disabilities in our schools, within our diverse workforce and in  
19 our communities.