
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY PITTMAN, BROWNE, ARGALL, MARTIN, FONTANA,
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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 14, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 8, 2022, as "Drugs Kill Dreams Day" in
2 Pennsylvania and encouraging Pennsylvanians to participate in
3 drug prevention education activities throughout the year to
4 demonstrate their strong commitment to stopping drug and
5 alcohol addiction and abuse before it begins.

6 WHEREAS, Research shows that a proactive approach works to
7 reduce substance abuse among young adults if they are part of a
8 community-based prevention effort while still in elementary and
9 middle school; and

10 WHEREAS, A drug prevention program was established in 1994 by
11 Armstrong County Magisterial District Judge J. Gary DeComo and
12 was later renamed "Drugs Kill Dreams" in 2000; and

13 WHEREAS, The mission of the "Drugs Kill Dreams" program is to
14 increase drug and alcohol prevention awareness in schools and
15 communities throughout Western Pennsylvania, adhering to a
16 strong belief that if prevention is increased, addiction and
17 crimes committed by individuals with addictions will decrease;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, "Drugs Kill Dreams," in partnership with the ACMH

1 Hospital Foundation, joins with schools, churches and other
2 community organizations to share education materials and
3 prevention messages, with the goals of stopping drug and alcohol
4 addiction and abuse and encouraging youths to live healthy,
5 respectful and responsible lifestyles; and

6 WHEREAS, Early prevention programs have proven to be cost-
7 effective, showing that for each dollar invested in prevention,
8 a savings of up to \$10 in treatment for alcohol or other
9 substance abuse can be seen; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize April 8, 2022, as "Drugs
11 Kill Dreams Day" in Pennsylvania to raise awareness of the need
12 for effective prevention programs and to encourage community-
13 based prevention activities throughout the year.