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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY VULAKOVICH, BARTOLOTTA, BREWSTER, BROOKS, BROWNE,  
DINNIMAN, FARNESE, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, KILLION,  
LEACH, RESCHENTHALER, SABATINA AND WAGNER, DECEMBER 12, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 16, 2017, as "Children's Grief Awareness  
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Children who have had a loved one die, especially a  
4 close family member, can carry that loss within them forever,  
5 and it sometimes causes confusion in their minds as to why their  
6 loved one was taken away; and

7 WHEREAS, Highmark Caring Place is a center for grieving  
8 children, adolescents and their families, and there are four  
9 Caring Place centers throughout this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, Some families regard Highmark Caring Place centers  
11 as the salvation of their family unit, a place where, above all,  
12 they can find comfort, understanding and help in times of grief;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Highmark Caring Place established "Children's Grief  
15 Awareness Day" in this Commonwealth in 2008 in order to help  
16 others understand the impact of death on children and their need  
17 for support; and

1       WHEREAS, "Children's Grief Awareness Day" is observed every  
2 year on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, immediately preceding  
3 the winter holidays which can be a particularly difficult time  
4 for grieving children; and

5       WHEREAS, A simple way to participate is to encourage as many  
6 people as possible to wear blue on "Children's Grief Awareness  
7 Day" as a symbol of support; and

8       WHEREAS, The Caring Team for Grieving Children is an  
9 initiative of Highmark Caring Place which encompasses hundreds  
10 of schools, businesses and community partners working together  
11 to increase a common awareness of the needs of grieving  
12 children; and

13       WHEREAS, On "Children's Grief Awareness Day," Caring Team for  
14 Grieving Children schools, along with children and adults from  
15 all walks of life from across this Commonwealth, join together  
16 with thousands of others nationally and internationally to show  
17 their support for grieving children; and

18       WHEREAS, The Senate applauds the work being accomplished by  
19 the Highmark Caring Place and the Caring Team for Grieving  
20 Children schools across this Commonwealth; therefore be it

21       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate November 16, 2017, as  
22 "Children's Grief Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.