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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY CAPPELLETTI, SCHWANK, SANTARSIERO, COMITTA,  
HAYWOOD, DUSH, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, KANE, PENNYCUICK,  
MARTIN, VOGEL, COSTA AND BOSCOLA, MAY 17, 2024

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MAY 17, 2024

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 5 through 11, 2024, as "Jewish Day  
2 Schools Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to 30 Jewish day schools, and  
4 enrollment in Jewish day schools in Pennsylvania is at an all-  
5 time high; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to more than 440,000 people of  
7 Jewish faith or ancestry who have strengthened the fabric of  
8 this Commonwealth and whose community schools help to continue  
9 passing on the culture, religion and language to the future  
10 generations of Jewish Pennsylvanians; and

11 WHEREAS, Jewish education plays a unique role in the  
12 continued vitality of the American Jewish community, providing a  
13 sense of Jewish pride and an immersive and content-rich Jewish  
14 environment that has impacted generations of Jewish learners and  
15 leaders; and

16 WHEREAS, Jewish day schools, like Jewish houses of worship  
17 and other Jewish institutions, have increasingly been the target

1 of antisemitic attacks and threats of violence; and

2 WHEREAS, In the face of antisemitism, many Jewish families  
3 value Jewish day schools for offering a supportive community  
4 where children are nurtured, an environment that promotes Jewish  
5 values and a quality education; and

6 WHEREAS, Jewish day schools provide a conduit for outreach to  
7 the worldwide Jewish community, promote foreign exchange  
8 educational opportunities for members of those overseas  
9 communities to study in Pennsylvania and provide a connection to  
10 Jewish congregations abroad; and

11 WHEREAS, Jewish day schools expand opportunities in  
12 Pennsylvania and local communities for bilingual education and  
13 intercultural exchange; and

14 WHEREAS, Jewish day schools have taught many individuals who  
15 have contributed to the culture of the world, this country and  
16 this Commonwealth, including Seth Rogan, Natalie Portman, Jake  
17 Tapper and Ralph Lauren; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of May 5 through  
19 11, 2024, as "Jewish Day Schools Week" in Pennsylvania and  
20 express appreciation and gratitude to Jewish day schools across  
21 this Commonwealth.