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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2015 as "Sexual Assault Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Widespread public awareness is the first step in
4 addressing sexual assault and its prevention; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the National Sexual Violence Resource
6 Center, one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at
7 some point in their lives; and

8 WHEREAS, Most victims of sexual assault are acquainted with
9 their assailants; and

10 WHEREAS, Young people experience heightened rates of sexual
11 violence; and

12 WHEREAS, One in four girls and one in six boys will be
13 sexually abused before reaching 18 years of age; and

14 WHEREAS, Being the victim of child sexual abuse doubles the
15 likelihood of adult sexual victimization; and

16 WHEREAS, Sexual assault is a significant problem on college
17 campuses; and

18 WHEREAS, One in five women and one in 16 men are sexually

1 assaulted during their time in college; and

2 WHEREAS, Sexual assault can have lasting, harmful effects on
3 survivors and their loved ones in our communities; and

4 WHEREAS, To preserve the safety and welfare of our fellow
5 citizens, we must confront harmful attitudes and actions; and

6 WHEREAS, To help the individual and social progress of our
7 fellow citizens, we must support survivors of sexual assault in
8 times of crisis and throughout their recovery; and

9 WHEREAS, To generate a comprehensive response to sexual
10 violence, we must highlight sexual assault prevention
11 initiatives, bolster criminal justice programs and commit to
12 breaking cycles of violence and reducing crime rates in our
13 communities; and

14 WHEREAS, The 2015 Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign is
15 focusing on resources related to campus sexual violence
16 prevention to create a culture on college campuses of prevention
17 and effective, trauma-informed response; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2015
19 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.