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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2013 as "Sexual Assault Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, One in five college women in the United States will
4 be a victim of sexual assault by the time she graduates; and

5 WHEREAS, One in four girls and one in six boys in the United
6 States will be sexually assaulted by the age of 18; and

7 WHEREAS, One in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at
8 some point in their lives; and

9 WHEREAS, Rape is the most under-reported crime, with 63% of
10 sexual assaults not reported to the police; and

11 WHEREAS, Sexual assault affects women, children and men of
12 all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to the immediate physical and emotional
14 effects of sexual assault, sexual assault may also lead to post-
15 traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression,
16 homelessness, eating disorders and suicide; and

17 WHEREAS, Sexual assault can be devastating not only for the

1 survivor but also for the family and friends of the survivor;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Attaining the goal of preventing and ending sexual
4 violence begins by raising public awareness of the prevalence
5 and effects of sexual assault; and

6 WHEREAS, Designating the month of April 2013 as "Sexual
7 Assault Awareness Month" will allow residents of this
8 Commonwealth to learn more about preventing sexual violence;
9 therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2013
11 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.