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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2015 as "Multiple Birth Awareness  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Multiples of America, also known as the National  
4 Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs, Inc., has joined with  
5 local organizations to establish and celebrate April as National  
6 Multiple Birth Awareness Month; and

7 WHEREAS, The number of live births in twin deliveries in 2013  
8 was approximately 132,324 births, and there were also 4,364  
9 triplets, 270 quadruplets and 66 higher-order multiples born  
10 nationwide; and

11 WHEREAS, With the increase in multiple births, there is an  
12 increased risk for the mothers and babies; and

13 WHEREAS, Nationally, one out of every eight twins and one of  
14 every three triplets are born preterm, compared with fewer than  
15 two of every 100 single births, and death during infancy is four  
16 times more common for twins than singletons; and

17 WHEREAS, This month will be used to spread awareness about

1 the issues that families of multiple births face, including what  
2 to know when expecting multiples, such as twin-to-twin  
3 transfusion syndrome and other fetal issues directly affecting  
4 multiple-birth pregnancies, premature births and low-birth  
5 weights, multiples with special needs, the exceptional physical  
6 and bonding demands placed on parents and the separation of  
7 multiples in classrooms; and

8 WHEREAS, There are many local support groups for parents of  
9 multiples and many of these clubs are planning events throughout  
10 their communities during this month to celebrate their families,  
11 increase participation and help other families in need; and

12 WHEREAS, By raising awareness of multiple births, this month  
13 also encourages parents of multiples, or who are expecting  
14 multiples, to seek out the resources and support found with  
15 local Mothers of Twins Clubs, through their prenatal care  
16 provider, pediatrician, local hospital or friends and family;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, These clubs are established to serve parents or  
19 guardians of multiple-birth children through education, research  
20 and fellowship; and

21 WHEREAS, The Senate joins with the many parents of multiples  
22 to celebrate the joys and challenges they face in raising their  
23 twins, triplets or higher-order multiples and supports efforts  
24 to educate our communities on the needs and challenges of  
25 multiple-birth children; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize and celebrate the month  
27 of April 2015 as "Multiple Birth Awareness Month" in  
28 Pennsylvania.