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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 9, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 12 through 18, 2019, as "National  
2 Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Prevention Week" is dedicated to  
4 increasing public awareness of and addressing substance abuse  
5 and mental health issues; and

6 WHEREAS, "National Prevention Week" is sponsored annually by  
7 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
8 (SAMHSA); and

9 WHEREAS, During "National Prevention Week," each day observes  
10 a different health-related theme to bring attention to and  
11 awareness of a specific behavioral health issue; and

12 WHEREAS, The daily themes for "National Prevention Week" 2019  
13 are as follows:

- 14 (1) Prevention of prescription and opioid drug misuse.  
15 (2) Prevention of underage drinking and alcohol misuse.  
16 (3) Prevention of illicit drug use and youth marijuana

1 use.

2 (4) Prevention of youth tobacco use.

3 (5) Prevention of suicide;

4 and

5 WHEREAS, "National Prevention Week" is held each year during  
6 the third week of May, near the start of summer; and

7 WHEREAS, The timing of "National Prevention Week" corresponds  
8 with many celebrations and recreational activities, including  
9 graduation parties, proms, weddings, sporting events and outdoor  
10 activities, where substance use and abuse can happen; and

11 WHEREAS, Near the kickoff to summer, "National Prevention  
12 Week" allows schools to participate in prevention-themed events  
13 before the end of the school year and raise awareness among  
14 students of all ages; and

15 WHEREAS, According to SAMHSA, the primary goals of "National  
16 Prevention Week" are as follows:

17 (1) Involving communities in raising awareness of  
18 behavioral health issues and in implementing prevention  
19 strategies.

20 (2) Fostering partnerships and collaboration with  
21 Federal agencies and national organizations dedicated to  
22 behavioral and public health.

23 (3) Promoting and disseminating quality behavioral  
24 health resources and publications;

25 and

26 WHEREAS, In order to achieve these goals, community  
27 organizations across the country host health fairs, block  
28 parties, educational assemblies, town hall meetings, memorial  
29 walks, social media campaigns and outdoor events during  
30 "National Prevention Week" to help raise public awareness of

1 substance abuse and mental health issues; therefore be it  
2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
3 week of May 12 through 18, 2019, as "National Prevention Week"  
4 in Pennsylvania.