
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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FREEMAN, KENYATTA, OBERLANDER, MOUL AND KAUFER, MAY 30, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 30, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 3 through 7, 2019, as "Child
2 Welfare Professionals Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Every day in this Commonwealth thousands of children
4 are at risk of child abuse and neglect or have been removed from
5 their homes due to abuse and neglect; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania recognizes the need to protect children
7 in this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, The task of investigating child abuse, providing
9 services to families, assessing safety and ensuring that
10 Pennsylvania's children are provided with nurturance, family
11 connections and support as they transition into adulthood is
12 challenging; and

13 WHEREAS, Child welfare professionals in this Commonwealth
14 provide services that allow a child to remain safely in their
15 home or return home as expeditiously as possible; and

16 WHEREAS, The work of child welfare professionals may require

1 them to enter into situations in which their personal safety may
2 be put at risk; and

3 WHEREAS, Child welfare professionals work in difficult and
4 emotional situations with children who have been victimized by
5 physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect and other forms of
6 maltreatment; and

7 WHEREAS, Child welfare professionals must develop great skill
8 in working with families who are in crisis situations,
9 struggling with mental health challenges, suffering from drug
10 and alcohol conditions, poverty and other difficult issues; and

11 WHEREAS, Child welfare professionals must also develop
12 substantial knowledge and skills surrounding the rights of
13 families, the laws surrounding child welfare and the legal
14 processes governing the child welfare system; and

15 WHEREAS, Child welfare professionals selflessly undertake the
16 endeavor of protecting the children of this Commonwealth, often
17 with low pay, long hours, tremendous demands, little
18 appreciation and great criticism, all of which has a dramatic
19 impact on their personal lives; and

20 WHEREAS, Every year child welfare professionals are injured
21 or killed in their pursuit to protect children across the United
22 States; and

23 WHEREAS, Innumerable injuries and deaths of children have
24 been averted due to the efforts of our outstanding child welfare
25 professionals; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
27 week of June 3 through 7, 2019, as "Child Welfare Professionals
28 Appreciation Week" in Pennsylvania.