## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 881 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY TOOHIL, BOBACK, McCLINTON, YOUNGBLOOD, THOMAS, MILLARD, SONNEY, HICKERNELL, KIM, MURT, DONATUCCI, FEE, HENNESSEY, RYAN, SCHLOSSBERG, PICKETT, KINSEY, MEHAFFIE, FREEMAN, LONGIETTI, KIRKLAND, BIZZARRO, BERNSTINE, BROOKS, MOUL, ZIMMERMAN, READSHAW, MACKENZIE, KORTZ, SCHLEGEL CULVER, HILL-EVANS, BURNS, SCHMITT, CONKLIN, GAINEY, POLINCHOCK, ROZZI, BROWN, STAATS, KAUFER, NEILSON, STRUZZI AND MALAGARI, MAY 21, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, MAY 21, 2020

## A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the month of May 2020 as "Foster Care Month" in 1 Pennsylvania. 2 3 WHEREAS, The family, a primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our 4 5 communities and this Commonwealth; and 6 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives is fully committed to 7 strengthening and supporting all families in this Commonwealth; 8 and WHEREAS, Maintaining family unity is not always possible with 9 10 families in crisis and sometimes children must be placed in a 11 safe and nurturing family environment outside of their own home; 12 and 13 WHEREAS, In 2018, 25,441 children in this Commonwealth were served by foster families who selflessly shared their homes and 14

15 their hearts with them; and

WHEREAS, Foster families play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect, and in preparing children for successful adulthood; therefore be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the month of May 2020 as "Foster Care Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all 8 Pennsylvanians to observe this month by volunteering their 9 efforts to help children in foster care and to support the 10 families that open their homes to them.