

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 319 Session of 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 5, 2015

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 25, 2015, as "National Missing Children's Day"  
2 in Pennsylvania and urging participation in child protection.

3 WHEREAS, Between 1979 and 1981, a series of high-profile  
4 missing children cases and 29 murders of children and young  
5 adults in Atlanta and Georgia brought attention to the lack of  
6 coordinated efforts among Federal, State and local law  
7 enforcement to search for missing children; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1982, the Missing Children Act (Public Law 97-  
9 292, 96 Stat. 1259) was enacted, allowing information on missing  
10 children to be entered into the Federal Bureau of  
11 Investigation's National Crime Information Center (NCIC); and

12 WHEREAS, In 1984, the National Center for Missing and  
13 Exploited Children was created; and

14 WHEREAS, The center partners with the Department of Justice

1 to help law enforcement find missing children, eliminate child  
2 sexual exploitation and prevent child victimization; and

3 WHEREAS, According to the center, approximately 800,000  
4 children are reported missing each year; and

5 WHEREAS, Of these cases of missing children, more than  
6 200,000 are victims of family abductions, and an estimated  
7 58,000 are victims of nonfamily abductions; and

8 WHEREAS, Annually, an estimated 115 children are victims of  
9 kidnappings in which the perpetrator is a stranger or slight  
10 acquaintance and which involve a child being placed in grave  
11 danger; and

12 WHEREAS, The center has assisted law enforcement in the  
13 recovery of 193,705 missing children since being founded in  
14 1984; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 25,  
16 2015, as "National Missing Children's Day" in Pennsylvania and  
17 urge local governments, communities and law enforcement  
18 throughout this Commonwealth to participate in the protection of  
19 children and to educate children about child abduction and  
20 sexual exploitation and how to respond and seek help.