THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 124

Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY HAYWOOD, KEARNEY, HUGHES, STREET, COLLETT, KANE, COMITTA, FONTANA, SANTARSIERO, CAPPELLETTI, MUTH AND COSTA, MAY 28, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MAY 28, 2021

A RESOLUTION

- Designating the month of June 2021 as "Gun Violence Awareness 1 Month" in Pennsylvania in recognition of this public safety 2 and public health issue and in commemoration of the lives 3 lost to gun violence in this Commonwealth. 5 WHEREAS, Gun violence is a national, state and local problem affecting Americans in cities, suburbs and rural communities; 7 and 8 WHEREAS, An average of 100 Americans are killed with firearms every day, and seven of those killed each day are children; and WHEREAS, An average of 200 Americans become direct survivors 10 11 of gun violence every day; and WHEREAS, The number of firearm-related deaths per year in 12 this Commonwealth exceeds the number of motor vehicle-related 13 14 deaths per year in this Commonwealth; and 15 WHEREAS, The National Center for Health Statistics reports 16 that the firearm-related death rate in this Commonwealth is
- 18 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, an individual is killed with a

higher than the national rate; and

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- 1 firearm every seven hours; and
- 2 WHEREAS, This year, "National Gun Violence Awareness Month"
- 3 is being observed in June; and
- 4 WHEREAS, "Gun Violence Awareness Month" is a nationwide and
- 5 Statewide occasion to recognize the impact of gun violence;
- 6 therefore be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of June 2021 as
- 8 "Gun Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania in recognition of
- 9 this public safety and public health issue and in commemoration
- 10 of the lives lost to gun violence in this Commonwealth.