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RESOLUTION

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Referred to Committee on	
Date _____	20 _____
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As Committed-Amended	
Recommendation	

By Hon. _____	

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 10 through 16, 2020, as "National
2 Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Prevention Week" is dedicated to
4 addressing and increasing public awareness of 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, "National Prevention Week" is a public education
10 platform that promotes prevention year-round by providing ideas,
11 capacity building, tools and resources to help individuals and
12 communities make substance use prevention happen every day; and

13 WHEREAS, This year's theme for "National Prevention Week,"
14 "The Need for Prevention is Now," specifically advocates for the
15 usefulness of Pennsylvania Youth Survey data-driven
16 decisionmaking and the importance of primary prevention
17 programs, policies and practices to prevent substance use issues

1 in our communities; and

2 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth Prevention Alliance is a member-
3 driven, grassroots organization whose mission is to support
4 prevention professionals in eliminating substance use in this
5 Commonwealth; and

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

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

12 WHEREAS, "National Prevention Week" is a time for communities
13 to come together to celebrate their successes and advocate for
14 prevention; and

15 WHEREAS, Providers and coalitions will receive tools and
16 resources to plan and implement local advocacy community events;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Near the kickoff to summer, "National Prevention
19 Week" allows schools to participate in prevention-themed events
20 before the end of the school year and raises awareness among
21 students of all ages; and

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

24 (1) Involving communities in raising awareness of
25 behavioral health issues and in implementing prevention
26 strategies.

27 (2) Fostering partnerships and collaboration with
28 Federal agencies and national organizations dedicated to
29 behavioral and public health.

30 (3) Promoting and disseminating quality behavioral

1 health resources and publications;

2 and

3 WHEREAS, In order to achieve these goals, community
4 organizations across the country host health fairs, block
5 parties, educational assemblies, town hall meetings, memorial
6 walks, social media campaigns and outdoor events during
7 "National Prevention Week" to raise public awareness of
8 substance abuse and mental health issues; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
10 week of May 10 through 16, 2020, as "National Prevention Week"
11 in Pennsylvania.

