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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of June 2015 as "Gun Violence Awareness  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Gun violence is a national and local problem  
4 affecting many Americans on a daily basis; and

5 WHEREAS, The residents of this Commonwealth have the  
6 potential to reduce and even prevent gun violence as well as the  
7 responsibility to further public safety and public health by  
8 taking action to protect against gun violence; and

9 WHEREAS, An average of 88 Americans die every day due to gun  
10 violence, which is more than the deaths suffered in the  
11 tragedies in Newtown, Virginia Tech and Columbine combined; and

12 WHEREAS, We lose more than four times as many Americans to  
13 gun violence every year than the number of American soldiers we  
14 have lost in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan combined; and

15 WHEREAS, Americans are 20 times more likely to be murdered  
16 with a gun than citizens in other developed countries; and

17 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco  
18 and Firearms, law enforcement agencies confiscated 9,459

1 illegally possessed guns in this Commonwealth that were used in  
2 the commission of crimes in 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, "Gun Violence Awareness Month" is a Statewide and  
4 nationwide occasion to honor the victims of gun violence by  
5 encouraging education and understanding to prevent gun crimes in  
6 the future; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of June 2015 as  
8 "Gun Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania in recognition of  
9 this public safety and public health issue.