

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 117 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY KAZEEM, MADDEN, STURLA, PIELLI, VENKAT, PROBST, HANBIDGE, KHAN, HILL-EVANS, BOROWSKI, VITALI, O'MARA, FLEMING, SANCHEZ, PARKER, SCHLOSSBERG, HOHENSTEIN, CERRATO, SAPPEY, WAXMAN, KINSEY, DELLOSO, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, KENYATTA, WARREN, SHUSTERMAN, SCHWEYER, DONAHUE AND HOWARD, MAY 19, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MAY 19, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of June 2023 as "Gun Violence Awareness  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Gun violence is a national, State and local problem  
4 affecting Americans in cities, suburbs and rural communities;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, An average of 116 Americans are killed with firearms  
7 every day and an additional 210 are injured with firearms; and

8 WHEREAS, An average of 22 children are shot, 5 of them  
9 fatally, each day in America; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2020, firearms were used in 79% of all homicides  
11 in America and 53% of all suicides; and

12 WHEREAS, Among American adults, 21% have been personally  
13 threatened with a firearm, 19% report that a family member was  
14 killed by firearm, 17% have personally witnessed someone being  
15 shot with a firearm and 4% have been injured with a firearm; and

16 WHEREAS, Gun violence is the leading cause of death for

1 children under 18 years of age; and

2 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, an individual is killed with a  
3 firearm every five hours; and

4 WHEREAS, A law enforcement officer in this Commonwealth is  
5 fatally shot every six months; and

6 WHEREAS, This year, "National Gun Violence Awareness Month"  
7 is being observed in June; and

8 WHEREAS, "Gun Violence Awareness Month" is a nationwide and  
9 Statewide occasion to recognize the impact of gun violence;  
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
12 month of June 2023 as "Gun Violence Awareness Month" in  
13 Pennsylvania; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives acknowledge this  
15 public safety and public health issue; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize the  
17 lives lost to gun violence in this Commonwealth.