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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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DINNIMAN, KEARNEY AND COSTA, JUNE 16, 2020

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 16, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of June 2020 as "Gun Violence Awareness  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania in recognition of this public safety  
3 and public health issue and in commemoration of the lives  
4 lost to gun violence in this Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, Gun violence is a national, state and local problem  
6 affecting Americans in cities, suburbs and rural communities;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, An average of 100 Americans are killed with firearms  
9 every day, and eight of those killed each day are children; and

10 WHEREAS, An average of 200 Americans become direct survivors  
11 of gun violence every day; and

12 WHEREAS, The number of firearm-related deaths per year in  
13 this Commonwealth exceeds the number of motor vehicle-related  
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  
17 higher than the national rate; and

18 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, an individual is killed with a  
19 firearm every seven hours; and

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

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

6       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of June 2020 as  
7 "Gun Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania in recognition of  
8 this public safety and public health issue and in commemoration  
9 of the lives lost to gun violence in this Commonwealth.