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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2026 as "Sex Ed for All Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Coordinated by the Sex Education Collaborative and a  
4 national coalition of sexual and reproductive health, rights and  
5 justice organizations, "Sex Ed for All Month" recognizes the  
6 importance of ensuring that all young people have access to  
7 sexuality education that is comprehensive, medically accurate  
8 and inclusive; and

9 WHEREAS, Many young people enter adulthood with inaccurate,  
10 incomplete or conflicting information about sexual and  
11 reproductive health, leaving them vulnerable to unintended  
12 pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections and sexual  
13 violence, abuse, exploitation and coercion; and

14 WHEREAS, While 42 states require public school students to  
15 take a sexual education course that covers at least one topic  
16 within this subject, only 19 states mandate that this  
17 instruction be medically accurate, and five of those states only  
18 require medical accuracy for specific topics; and

1       WHEREAS, Comprehensive sexuality education gives children and  
2 young people accurate, age-appropriate information about the  
3 emotional, physical and social aspects of sexuality, providing  
4 them with the knowledge to protect and advocate for their  
5 health, well-being and dignity; and

6       WHEREAS, Comprehensive sexuality education is most effective  
7 when taught over several years, integrating age-appropriate  
8 information and relaying scientifically accurate information  
9 about anatomy, contraception, childbirth and sexually  
10 transmitted infections; and

11       WHEREAS, From kindergarten through high school, age-  
12 appropriate sexuality education gives children and young people  
13 the tools they need to build healthy relationships, set  
14 boundaries, develop critical-thinking skills and stay safe in a  
15 complex world; and

16       WHEREAS, Comprehensive sexuality education can be taught in  
17 school as a part of the curriculum, in community-based settings  
18 and through digital platforms; and

19       WHEREAS, Comprehensive sexuality education that includes  
20 information beyond abstinence has been found to delay sexual  
21 activity, increase contraceptive use and decrease physical  
22 aggression with intimate partners; and

23       WHEREAS, Comprehensive sexuality education helps young people  
24 prepare for and manage physical and emotional changes as they  
25 grow up, including during puberty and adolescence, while  
26 teaching them about respect, consent and where to go if they  
27 need help; and

28       WHEREAS, Evidence shows that well-designed, high-quality  
29 sexuality education supports positive decision-making around  
30 sexual health and delivers positive health outcomes, with

1 lifelong impacts; and

2 WHEREAS, The United States has long experienced the highest  
3 or near-highest rate of unintended teen pregnancy among  
4 industrialized countries; and

5 WHEREAS, Evidence shows that when young people are better  
6 informed about sexual and reproductive health, they are more  
7 likely to delay the onset of sexual activity and, when they do  
8 have sex, they are more likely to practice safer sex; and

9 WHEREAS, Young people who receive sexuality education are 50%  
10 less likely to experience an unintended pregnancy and 31% less  
11 likely to contract a sexually transmitted infection; and

12 WHEREAS, Young people who are 15 through 25 years of age  
13 contract about one-half of the 19 million sexually transmitted  
14 infections in the United States, despite making up approximately  
15 one-quarter of the sexually active population; and

16 WHEREAS, One in five HIV infections is contracted by a young  
17 person under 25 years of age; and

18 WHEREAS, Approximately 75% of LGBTQ+ students report  
19 harassment and 56% report feeling unsafe at school; and

20 WHEREAS, Seven states require teachers to portray LGBTQ+  
21 people negatively or not at all, and only nine states mandate  
22 that sexuality education be culturally appropriate and free from  
23 biases based on race, ethnicity or sexual orientation; and

24 WHEREAS, Comprehensive sexuality education reduces costs  
25 associated with unintended pregnancies, sexually transmitted  
26 infections and sexual violence, abuse, exploitation and  
27 coercion, delivering high economic returns by reducing public  
28 expenditures on health care and social services; and

29 WHEREAS, Comprehensive sexuality education equips children  
30 and young people with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and

1 values to help them protect their health, develop respectful  
2 social and sexual relationships, make responsible choices and  
3 understand and protect their rights and the rights of others;  
4 therefore be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
6 month of May 2026 as "Sex Ed for All Month" in Pennsylvania.