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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, OCTOBER 24, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2023 as "Infant Safe Sleep  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The children of Pennsylvania are our most important  
4 resource and the very foundation of the future of our  
5 Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Thousands of infants in the United States die each  
7 year in preventable tragedies because they are placed in unsafe  
8 sleeping environments; and

9 WHEREAS, In April 1992, the American Academy of Pediatrics  
10 Task Force on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome recommended that  
11 infants be placed on their backs to sleep; and

12 WHEREAS, The safest sleeping environment for babies is alone  
13 on their backs in an empty crib with a tightly fitted sheet and  
14 sufficient sleepwear; and

15 WHEREAS, The National Institute of Child Health and Human  
16 Development's Internet website provides parents, grandparents,  
17 relatives and day-care providers access to resources containing

1 information about providing babies with safe sleep environments;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The month of November is an opportunity to inform or  
4 remind all caregivers to check infant sleep environments to help  
5 prevent needless tragedies; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
7 month of November 2023 as "Infant Safe Sleep Month" in  
8 Pennsylvania.