



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 72

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1 **Relating to:** proclaiming November as Runaway Prevention Month.

2 Whereas, the prevalence of running away from home and homelessness among
3 youth is a rapidly growing concern, with studies suggesting that between 1,600,000
4 and 2,800,000 young people live on the streets of the United States each year; and

5 Whereas, one in seven young people between the ages of 10 and 18 will run
6 away, and juveniles between the ages of 12 and 17 are more at risk of homelessness
7 than adults; and

8 Whereas, 75 percent of homeless or runaway youth have dropped out or will
9 drop out of school; and

10 Whereas, young people who run away from home most often have been expelled
11 from their homes by their families due to problems in the home, including physical
12 and sexual abuse, mental health disorders of a family member, substance abuse or
13 addiction of a family member, and parental neglect; and in some cases, young people
14 are asked to leave the home because their families are unable to provide for their
15 specific mental health or disability needs; and

