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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2014 as "Hunger Action Month"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, September 2014 has been designated as Hunger Action  
4 Month to provide an opportunity for communities in the United  
5 States to unite to focus attention on the persistent problem of  
6 domestic hunger; and

7 WHEREAS, For one in seven Pennsylvanians, hunger is a  
8 reality; and

9 WHEREAS, Many United States households experience hunger and  
10 some people in these households frequently skip meals or eat too  
11 little, sometimes going without food for a whole day; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2012, 14.5% of United States households were food  
13 insecure, 17.6 million households, meaning their access to

1 enough food was limited by a lack of money and other resources;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, This data from 2012 remains at nearly the highest  
4 recorded prevalence rate of food insecurity since 1995 when the  
5 first national food security survey was conducted; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2012, more than 1.82 million Pennsylvanians were  
7 food insecure; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2012, 20.6% of Pennsylvania's children  
9 experienced food insecurity; and

10 WHEREAS, Members of these households have lower quality diets  
11 or must resort to seeking emergency food because they cannot  
12 always afford the food they need; and

13 WHEREAS, The costs of other essentials, such as home heating,  
14 gasoline, housing and medical care, have increased significantly  
15 and, for families caught in the squeeze between declining wages  
16 and rising costs, the food budget becomes a frequent pressure  
17 point; and

18 WHEREAS, Utilization of emergency food assistance becomes a  
19 way for these families to keep food on the table while still  
20 paying their bills; and

21 WHEREAS, Food banks, food rescue organizations, soup  
22 kitchens, food pantries, faith-based organizations, businesses  
23 and individuals are donating time, raising funds and giving food  
24 to help their neighbors; and

25 WHEREAS, Individuals benefiting from the availability of  
26 donated food range from infants and toddlers, school-age  
27 children and adolescents to single mothers, single fathers, two-  
28 parent families, veterans and their families and seniors; and

29 WHEREAS, Research shows that preschool and school-age  
30 children who experience severe hunger have higher levels of

1 chronic illness, anxiety and depression and behavioral problems  
2 than children with no hunger; and

3 WHEREAS, Research shows that food-insecure seniors have  
4 significantly lower intakes of vital nutrients in their diets  
5 when compared to their food secure counterparts and are 2.33  
6 times more likely to report being in fair or poor health; and

7 WHEREAS, Members of the General Assembly are committed to the  
8 fight against hunger in this Commonwealth and will demonstrate  
9 that commitment by playing in the 2nd Annual Capitol All-Stars  
10 Softball Game on September 23, 2014, to help raise funds for  
11 emergency food providers; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
13 month of September 2014 as "Hunger Action Month" in  
14 Pennsylvania.