THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

Designating the month of November 2016 as "Assistive Technology 1 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. 2 3 WHEREAS, An assistive technology device is any item, piece of equipment or product system, whether acquired commercially, 4 modified or customized, that is used to increase, maintain or 5 6 improve the functional capabilities of individuals with 7 disabilities or older individuals; and 8 WHEREAS, An assistive technology service is any service that directly assists an individual in the selection, acquisition or 9 10 use of an assistive technology device; and 11 WHEREAS, Assistive technology devices and services are tools 12 that empower individuals to control their lives and their 13 futures through the ability to work, attend school, play and live in the community of their choice; and 14 15 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians of all ages with disabilities may

need assistive technology devices and services to live 1 independently and productively as well as to participate fully 2 in their communities; and 3 4 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is a leader in the development and 5 implementation of assistive technology programs for residents with disabilities and older residents; and 6 WHEREAS, Working in conjunction with organizations such as 7 8 the Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation, the 9 Commonwealth provides valuable information and support, 10 financial education and financing for the purchase of assistive technology devices and services; therefore be it 11 12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the 13 month of November 2016 as "Assistive Technology Awareness Month" 14 in Pennsylvania.