
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 320 Session of
2017

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DAVIDSON, MAY 8, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 8, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2017 as "National Community Action
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Authorized by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964,
4 community action agencies (CAAs) assist low-income individuals
5 and families in attaining financial self-sufficiency; and

6 WHEREAS, As a Federal program uniquely designed to address
7 local target population needs and maximize the participation of
8 individuals living in poverty, the CAA network features local
9 private-sector, public-sector and low-income community
10 representatives; and

11 WHEREAS, The CAA network has earned recognition as being
12 among the largest users of volunteer services in the United
13 States; and

14 WHEREAS, This network serves more than 16.2 million
15 individuals and 3 million families per year in rural and urban

1 regions of our nation; and

2 WHEREAS, The majority of participants have incomes below 75%
3 of the Federal poverty threshold; and

4 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, where designated locally based
5 service providers partner with Commonwealth agencies, CAAs
6 receive funding from various Federal, State and local sources,
7 including core Federal funding from the Community Services Block
8 Grant (CSBG); and

9 WHEREAS, For every \$1 of CSBG funding, CAAs in this
10 Commonwealth have received \$14.45 in additional funding; and

11 WHEREAS, The Community Action Association of Pennsylvania is
12 a Statewide nonprofit association representing 41 CAAs that
13 serve all 67 counties in this Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, CAAs are integrated into our communities to provide
15 people with the tools they need to improve their living
16 conditions and move from poverty into self-sufficiency; and

17 WHEREAS, CAAs contribute to community development in their
18 service areas; and

19 WHEREAS, CAAs actively recruit individuals and private,
20 nonprofit and community organizations to volunteer on behalf of
21 agency functions and agency clients; and

22 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives proudly notes the
23 flexibility of CAAs and their representatives and volunteers in
24 mobilizing resources, forging partnerships and offering
25 essential human services and opportunities for low-income
26 Pennsylvanians; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
28 month of May 2017 as "National Community Action Month" in
29 Pennsylvania.