
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 330 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY HENNESSEY, DeLUCA, WATSON, CORBIN, SCHLOSSBERG,
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GOODMAN, SAYLOR, MILNE, ROEBUCK, KIM AND GILLEN, MAY 10, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 10, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2017 as "Older Pennsylvanians
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, May is traditionally recognized as "Older Americans
4 Month" in the United States, a month set aside to honor older
5 adults, who are among the most treasured resources; and

6 WHEREAS, Older adults are united by historical experiences,
7 strengthened by diversity and interpret events through varied
8 perspectives and backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our
9 communities; and

10 WHEREAS, The Department of Health and Human Services'
11 Administration for Community Living has announced that the theme
12 of "Older Americans Month" 2017 is "Age Out Loud"; and

13 WHEREAS, Older adults in this Commonwealth are continuing to
14 reinvent themselves through new work, new passions and engaging

1 their communities; and

2 WHEREAS, Our community can provide opportunities to enrich
3 the lives of individuals of all ages by promoting and engaging
4 in activity, wellness and social involvement, emphasizing home-
5 based and community-based services that support independent
6 living and ensuring that community members can benefit from the
7 contributions and experience of older adults; and

8 WHEREAS, More older adults are taking charge, striving for
9 wellness, enjoying their independence and encouraging other
10 seniors to advocate for themselves and others; and

11 WHEREAS, An increasing number of adults are reaching
12 retirement age, and those who were born in the first year of the
13 baby-boom generation reached 65 years of age in 2011; and

14 WHEREAS, Individuals 65 years of age and older will represent
15 25% of the population of this Commonwealth by the year 2020; and

16 WHEREAS, Older adults are productive, active and influential
17 members of society, sharing essential talents, wisdom and life
18 experiences with their families, friends and neighbors; and

19 WHEREAS, Older adults deserve recognition for the
20 contributions they have made and will make to the culture,
21 economy and character of the United States and this
22 Commonwealth; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
24 month of May 2017 as "Older Pennsylvanians Month" in
25 Pennsylvania; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge every
27 resident to take time this month to honor Pennsylvania's older
28 adults and the professionals, family members and volunteers who
29 care for them.