
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 14, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2015 as "Older Americans Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, A growing number of citizens 55 years of age and
4 older make their home in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, Older adults throughout this Commonwealth and this
6 nation are an increasing population with evolving needs; and

7 WHEREAS, Older Americans are valuable members of our society
8 who enhance our communities and personal lives; and

9 WHEREAS, The increasing number of baby boomers reaching
10 traditional retirement age highlights the need for increased
11 support of older adults; and

12 WHEREAS, Older citizens of today and tomorrow promise to be
13 among the most active and involved older adult populations in
14 this nation's history; and

1 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of this Commonwealth and
2 all states and communities to work collaboratively to address
3 older adults' unique health and long-term care challenges; and

4 WHEREAS, It is crucial that systems of care are improved to
5 help empower older Americans and give them more control over
6 their own lives; and

7 WHEREAS, It is vital that older adults have more long-term
8 care options to avoid placement in nursing homes and remain at
9 home as long as possible; and

10 WHEREAS, Older citizens' overall quality of life can be
11 improved by helping them:

12 (1) make behavioral changes in their lifestyles that can
13 reduce the risk of disease, disability and injury;

14 (2) obtain the tools they need to make informed
15 decisions about, and gain better access to, existing health
16 and long-term care options in their communities;

17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May
19 2015 as "Older Americans Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That all residents of this Commonwealth be
22 encouraged to take time this May to honor older adults and the
23 professionals, family members and citizens who care for them.