
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 35 Session of 2019

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 16, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of January 2019 as "National Mentoring
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Mentoring is a proven, effective strategy that helps
4 children and young adults by matching them with caring and
5 responsible adults who can provide guidance and direction and
6 build their confidence; and

7 WHEREAS, Mentors build character, encourage success, lift
8 expectations and inspire young people to do their best, serving
9 as friends, role models, teachers and sources of stability and
10 support during a critical time in a child's life; and

11 WHEREAS, Research shows that mentoring has beneficial and
12 long-term effects on youth by increasing academic engagement and
13 decreasing the likelihood of substance abuse and other risky
14 behaviors; and

15 WHEREAS, Mentoring strengthens this Commonwealth's economic

1 and social well-being by helping young people fulfill their
2 potential while helping maintain healthy families and promoting
3 more vibrant communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Every day, residents of Pennsylvania make a profound
5 difference in the lives of young people by serving as mentors,
6 supported by many private and public sector organizations that
7 offer mentoring opportunities for youth; and

8 WHEREAS, The MENTOR Independence Region and the Mentoring
9 Partnership of Southwestern PA provide public, private and
10 nonprofit mentoring-focused organizations with the skills,
11 training and technical assistance necessary to help mentors
12 administer effective, high-quality mentoring practices to
13 children and youth in their communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Thousands of children in this Commonwealth are in
15 need of a caring adult mentor in their lives, and closing this
16 mentoring gap requires more investment, partnerships and
17 volunteers ready to make a difference in a child's life and
18 community; and

19 WHEREAS, "National Mentoring Month" is an opportunity to
20 raise public awareness of the importance of mentoring, recognize
21 the dedicated individuals who serve as mentors and encourage
22 more citizens to help build a brighter future for Pennsylvania's
23 youth through mentoring; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
25 month of January 2019 as "National Mentoring Month" in
26 Pennsylvania; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the residents of this Commonwealth recognize
28 the importance of mentoring, look for opportunities to serve as
29 mentors in their communities and observe this "National
30 Mentoring Month" with appropriate activities and programs.