
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 356 Session of
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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 29, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2019 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, who are
6 united by historical experiences and strengthened by diversity
7 and who interpret events through varied perspectives and
8 backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our communities; and

9 WHEREAS, The Department of Health and Human Services'
10 Administration on Aging has announced that the theme of "Older
11 Americans Month 2019" is "Connect, Create, Contribute"; and

12 WHEREAS, Older adults in this Commonwealth are reaching out
13 to "connect" with friends, family and services, they "create" by
14 engaging in activities that promote learning, health and
15 personal enrichment and they "contribute" time, talent and life

1 experience to benefit others; and

2 WHEREAS, Our communities 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, This year's theme emphasizes that you are never too
9 young or too old to take part in activities that can enrich your
10 physical, mental and emotional well-being; and

11 WHEREAS, Increasing numbers of adults are reaching retirement
12 age and it is especially important to note that those who were
13 born in the first year of the baby boom generation reached 65
14 years of age in 2011; and

15 WHEREAS, The expected population of those individuals who are
16 at least 65 years of age living in this Commonwealth will grow
17 to 25% of the population of this Commonwealth by the year 2020;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Older adults are productive, active and influential
20 members of society who share essential talents, wisdom and life
21 experiences with their families, friends and neighbors; and

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

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
27 month of May 2019 as "Older Pennsylvanians Month" in
28 Pennsylvania; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That every citizen be urged to take time this month
30 to honor Pennsylvania's older adults and the professionals,

1 family members and volunteers who care for them.