
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 386 Session of
2017

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 15, 2017, as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Older Pennsylvanians should be recognized as a
4 valuable resource to this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, No one is immune to the threat of elder abuse; and

6 WHEREAS, It is an obligation of all residents to protect the
7 health, safety and welfare of this Commonwealth's elder
8 residents; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth received more than 24,600 reports
10 of elder abuse in 2016 and it is estimated that only one in five
11 cases of abuse is reported; and

12 WHEREAS, The Department of Aging has declared the theme of
13 this year's "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" as "One Hand, One Heart,
14 United Together to Prevent Elder Abuse"; and

15 WHEREAS, The act of November 6, 1987 (P.L.381, No.79), known

1 as the Older Adult Protective Services Act, requires that older
2 adults who lack the capacity to protect themselves shall have
3 access to and be provided with services necessary to protect
4 their health, safety and welfare; and

5 WHEREAS, A partnership exists between the Department of
6 Aging, the Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies on Aging,
7 the Temple Institute on Protective Services, district attorneys,
8 county elder abuse task forces and State and local law
9 enforcement to investigate every allegation of elder abuse; and

10 WHEREAS, It is necessary to increase awareness of the
11 incidents of elder abuse and to educate people about the methods
12 to report suspected cases of abuse; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June
14 15, 2017, as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania; and be
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the
17 residents of this Commonwealth to increase awareness every day
18 about elder abuse and the resources in place to prevent elder
19 abuse from occurring.