
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 439 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY STERN, BROWNLEE, V. BROWN, BROOKS, HICKERNELL, MICOZZIE, VEREB, COHEN, PICKETT, SONNEY, ROZZI, YOUNGBLOOD, HENNESSEY, PAYNE, BIZZARRO, MARSHALL, READSHAW, BOBACK, DIGIROLAMO, EVERETT, O'BRIEN, ROCK, MILLARD, RAPP, MAJOR, R. MILLER, MENTZER, DONATUCCI, LUCAS, PASHINSKI, MIRABITO, LONGIETTI, KAVULICH, RAVENSTAHL, SAYLOR, GRELL, SAINATO, WATSON, MILNE, HAHN, FARINA, MARSICO, FLECK, TOEPEL, ROEBUCK, FRANKEL, HARHART, MAHONEY, ADOLPH, GINGRICH, CALTAGIRONE, BAKER, ROSS, MURT, SWANGER, GABLER, QUINN, SCHLEGEL CULVER, GOODMAN, DENLINGER AND DAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 15, 2013, as "White Cane Safety Day" and
2 October 2013 as "Blindness Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The freedom to move from place to place at will and
4 without barriers is one of our most basic human rights, and for
5 people who are blind or visually impaired, the white cane helps
6 to make such freedom of movement possible; and

7 WHEREAS, The white cane demonstrates and symbolizes a blind
8 or visually impaired person's ability to achieve a full and
9 independent life and the person's capacity to work productively
10 in competitive employment; and

11 WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1910, the Pennsylvania
12 Association for the Blind and its member agencies have
13 tirelessly supported and promoted the interests of people who

1 are blind or visually impaired and have provided essential
2 services to assist blind Pennsylvanians in achieving self-
3 reliance and autonomy; and

4 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth supports the vitally important work
5 of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind as it enhances
6 public awareness about ways to prevent and treat blindness and
7 other serious vision impairments that are highlighted by events
8 each year during the month of October; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
10 15, 2013, as "White Cane Safety Day" and the month of October
11 2013 as "Blindness Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.