
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 4, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 20, 2013, as "March for Meals Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Hunger among senior citizens in America is a serious
4 and pervasive problem, as one in seven seniors is threatened by
5 hunger; and

6 WHEREAS, Research indicates that 8.3 million seniors faced
7 the threat of hunger in 2010, which reflects a 78% increase
8 since 2001; and

9 WHEREAS, Since the economic recession began in 2007, there
10 has been a 34% increase in senior hunger and the threat of
11 hunger for seniors increased in 44 states; and

12 WHEREAS, The Meals on Wheels Association of America (MOWAA)
13 annually sponsors the "March for Meals" campaign, which is
14 designed to raise awareness of senior hunger and encourage
15 action at the local level; and

1 WHEREAS, Senior nutrition programs across the United States
2 promote March for Meals in their communities through public
3 events, volunteer recruitment efforts, partnerships with local
4 businesses and fundraising initiatives; and

5 WHEREAS, The MOWAA is the oldest and largest national
6 organization composed of and representing local, community-based
7 senior nutrition programs in all 50 states, as well as the
8 United States Territories; and

9 WHEREAS, There are approximately 5,000 local senior nutrition
10 programs in the United States, which daily provide more than 1
11 million meals to seniors who need them; and

12 WHEREAS, There are between 800,000 and 1.7 million individual
13 volunteers involved in these programs, which is the largest
14 volunteer army in the nation; and

15 WHEREAS, On September 1, 2009, the MOWAA Board of Directors
16 approved a new vision for the MOWAA, which is to end senior
17 hunger by the year 2020; and

18 WHEREAS, To achieve this mission, MOWAA has set a goal of
19 recruiting 6 million people who are willing to stand up and
20 pledge to do what it takes to end senior hunger; and

21 WHEREAS, The annual "March for Meals" campaign should
22 continue to contribute significantly toward realizing this
23 ambitious and most worthy goal, and Pennsylvania citizens are
24 encouraged to participate in this effort to fight senior citizen
25 hunger; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
27 20, 2013, as "March for Meals Day" in Pennsylvania.