
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 9, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of February 2016 as "National Senior
2 Independence Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, According to a survey conducted by the American
4 Association of Retired Persons (AARP), 86% of adults over 45
5 years of age would prefer to stay in their current residence as
6 long as possible; and

7 WHEREAS, The same AARP survey revealed that 85% of adults
8 over 45 years of age would prefer to remain in their local
9 community for as long as possible; and

10 WHEREAS, "National Senior Independence Month" serves as an
11 opportunity to remind seniors to evaluate their current living
12 situation, recognize the strengths and weaknesses in their daily
13 routine and make adjustments for a better lifestyle; and

14 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and

1 Prevention, one in three adults who are 65 years of age or older
2 experience a fall and over 2 million older adults are treated in
3 emergency departments for fall-related injuries each year; and

4 WHEREAS, In order for seniors to ensure that their homes are
5 a place in which they can live safely and independently, they
6 should check that all rooms are well lit and make lighting
7 replacements where needed; and

8 WHEREAS, It is recommended that seniors install grab bars and
9 handrails in restrooms near the shower, bathtub and toilet; and

10 WHEREAS, Seniors should also keep floors and walkways clear
11 of unnecessary items in order to be able to navigate areas of
12 their home without fear of falling; and

13 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Health and Human
14 Services Administration on Aging (AOA) promotes the well-being
15 of older individuals by providing services and programs designed
16 to help them live independently in their homes and communities;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, For over 35 years, the AOA has provided home and
19 community-based services to millions of older adults through the
20 programs funded under the Older Americans Act of 1965; and

21 WHEREAS, Services provided using AOA funds include, but are
22 not limited to, transportation, adult day care, caregiver
23 supports and health promotion programs; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
25 month of February 2016 as "National Senior Independence Month"
26 in Pennsylvania; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
28 month of February 2016 as "National Senior Independence Month"
29 to raise awareness of steps seniors and their families can take
30 and services that are offered which allow older Pennsylvanians

1 to remain in their homes and communities.