
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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JUNE 28, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 28, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of July 2016 as "National Auto Theft
2 Prevention Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
4 holds an annual Vehicle Theft Prevention Campaign each July; and

5 WHEREAS, Vehicle theft is a very expensive crime, with the
6 cost of stolen vehicles estimated at more than \$4.1 billion; and

7 WHEREAS, More vehicles are stolen during the month of July
8 than during any other month; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2014, there were 13,036 vehicle thefts reported
10 in this Commonwealth, averaging 36 thefts each day or 1 theft
11 every 40 minutes and 19 seconds; and

12 WHEREAS, That same year, 10,292 of the vehicles reported
13 stolen in this Commonwealth, or approximately 79%, were
14 recovered; and

15 WHEREAS, Local law enforcement found approximately 83% of
16 those recovered vehicles; and

1 WHEREAS, Between 2010 and 2014, a 21.8% decrease occurred in
2 the number of vehicle thefts, with fewer thefts reported during
3 each year of that period; and

4 WHEREAS, When leaving a vehicle unattended, simple steps can
5 be taken to prevent auto theft, such as making certain that all
6 windows are closed and doors are locked, hiding valuables from
7 view and etching the vehicle identification number (VIN) onto
8 the vehicle so that a criminal cannot change the VIN; and

9 WHEREAS, Vehicle theft happens in cities, towns and
10 communities of all sizes across this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, Individuals must continue to do their part to reduce
12 the number of vehicle thefts and increase the recovery rate for
13 vehicles reported stolen; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
15 month of July 2016 as "National Auto Theft Prevention Month" in
16 Pennsylvania; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives acknowledge the
18 importance of vehicle theft prevention and the need to help
19 reduce vehicle theft and other crimes in this Commonwealth.