
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY HAYWOOD, COLLETT, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, SCHWANK,
KANE, BREWSTER, COSTA AND CAPPELLETTI, JULY 27, 2023

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JULY 27, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of August 2023 as "Civic Health Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Civic engagement is a critical opportunity for a
4 voter to shape the policies that affect the health challenges
5 facing the voter's local community; and

6 WHEREAS, Civic health describes the capacity of a community
7 to address issues that impact the well-being of community
8 members through participation in elections and other civic
9 engagement activities; and

10 WHEREAS, Civic participation gives a voter the ability to
11 shape the policies that affect a voter's personal health
12 outcomes; and

13 WHEREAS, An individual who votes as a form of civic
14 participation self-reports better health than an individual who
15 does not vote; and

16 WHEREAS, Health outcomes may be determined by nonmedical
17 factors, including access to food, transportation and affordable
18 housing; and

1 WHEREAS, Medical professionals have made great strides in
2 addressing the underlying social conditions that make their
3 patients sick, including hunger, drug addiction and
4 homelessness; and

5 WHEREAS, By checking civic vital signs, including voter
6 registration and participation, when talking to colleagues and
7 patients, health care providers can promote better civic health;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Nonpartisan voter registration in medical settings
10 has been successful in registering patients to vote and
11 expanding the number of engaged voters; and

12 WHEREAS, Empowering community members to register to vote and
13 participate in elections is a critical action health care
14 institutions can take to improve not only community-level civic
15 health, but also individual-level physical and mental health;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, More than 200 hospitals, health care associations
18 and civic engagement organizations unite to celebrate "Civic
19 Health Month" each August; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of August 2023
21 as "Civic Health Month" in Pennsylvania.