
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. **156** Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY SABATINA, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 26 through 30, 2017, as "Middle
2 Neighborhoods Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Middle neighborhoods are areas that are seemingly
4 stable but in danger of decline because they do not receive the
5 same private development as high-income areas or the same amount
6 of funding and attention available for lower-income
7 neighborhoods; and

8 WHEREAS, Middle neighborhoods exist in almost all cities and
9 some larger suburbs; and

10 WHEREAS, In Philadelphia, more than 40% of the population
11 lives in middle neighborhoods, in communities such as
12 Rhawnhurst, Roxborough, Mayfair, Mount Airy, Tacony, Germantown,
13 Burholme, Port Richmond, Wissinoming and Bridesburg; and

14 WHEREAS, The well-being of these neighborhoods is vital for
15 the families and individuals living in them; and

16 WHEREAS, It is also critical for the overall financial
17 stability of many cities and suburbs that rely on the property
18 tax base of these neighborhoods; and

1 WHEREAS, Should these middle neighborhoods decline in value
2 by slipping into distress, local governments will have even
3 fewer dollars to provide needed services in these and other
4 neighborhoods; and

5 WHEREAS, Given the importance of these neighborhoods to the
6 cities and suburbs of this Commonwealth, it is unsettling how
7 little attention is being paid to ensure that these
8 neighborhoods transition into greater health, rather than lapse
9 into decline; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of June 26
11 through 30, 2017, as "Middle Neighborhoods Week" in
12 Pennsylvania.