THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

- Designating February 11, 2019, as "PA 2-1-1 Day" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 is a free service available to 97% of the
- 4 residents of this Commonwealth to gain support needed through
- 5 health and human services; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Thousands of people across the United States and
- 7 Canada turn to 2-1-1 for free, confidential referrals and
- 8 information every day; and
- 9 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 connects Pennsylvanians in need to health and
- 10 human services assistance available through government programs
- 11 and private and nonprofit organizations in their communities;
- 12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 has provided assistance to communities in a
- 14 time of disaster; and
- 15 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 connects volunteers and donors with
- 16 organizations that can leverage resources to meet the needs of
- 17 the community; and

- 1 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 collects data about information and referral
- 2 requests which can be used to inform State and local government,
- 3 as well as community service organizations, in assessing needs
- 4 and planning services; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The 2-1-1 system offers a stable Statewide
- 6 infrastructure that can be used in a broad variety of ways to
- 7 streamline and enhance the work of State government; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The 2-1-1 system eases the burden on Commonwealth
- 9 departments by helping to reduce the number of misdirected
- 10 calls; and
- 11 WHEREAS, PA 2-1-1 is the nonprofit organization assigned use
- 12 of the 2-1-1 dialing code by the Pennsylvania Public Utility
- 13 Commission in order to provide community service information and
- 14 referral, as currently accomplished through seven regional
- 15 programs; and
- 16 WHEREAS, PA 2-1-1 will meet its goal of having Statewide
- 17 coverage to provide assistance to 100% of Pennsylvanians by the
- 18 end of 2019; and
- 19 WHEREAS, The United Way organizations in this Commonwealth
- 20 deserve recognition for their role in providing the PA 2-1-1
- 21 system to residents in this Commonwealth; therefore be it
- 22 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate February 11, 2019, as "PA
- 23 2-1-1 Day" in Pennsylvania.