
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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BARTOLOTTA, HUGHES, FONTANA, COMMITTA AND COSTA, MAY 23, 2022

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MAY 23, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2022 as "Trauma Awareness Month"
2 and May 25, 2022, as "Trauma Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Trauma is the response a person has to a deeply
4 disturbing or stressful event that affects an individual's
5 ability to recover and impacts them mentally and/or physically;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Being trauma informed recognizes the presence of
8 trauma which results from past traumatic experiences and the
9 role that it plays throughout someone's life; and

10 WHEREAS, On an organizational level, being trauma informed
11 changes organizational culture to emphasize respecting and
12 responding to the effects of trauma at all levels in peoples'
13 life, including experiences or trauma that affects their
14 identity, relationships with others and their world view; and

15 WHEREAS, Healing in all policies is a must, but community
16 healing will only occur when we acknowledge the historical harms
17 done to individuals; and

18 WHEREAS, The effects of traumatic exposures on humans are

1 detailed in research over the last two decades from the evolving
2 sciences of neuroscience, molecular biology, public health,
3 genomics and epigenetics; and

4 WHEREAS, Research reveals experiences such as a community
5 trauma, individual trauma and pandemic trauma results in
6 significant impacts at the micro, meso and macro health system
7 levels; and

8 WHEREAS, Individuals and leaders of Pennsylvania must
9 understand and heal to move forward from the current trauma of
10 COVID-19; and

11 WHEREAS, We recognize that all individuals, not only
12 experience trauma from situations such as a pandemic, but also
13 due to ongoing social injustice practices; and

14 WHEREAS, The trauma awareness campaign will continue beyond
15 the month of May and lay the foundational groundwork for more
16 public/private partnerships in the future; and

17 WHEREAS, May 25 marks a historic chapter in advancing our
18 Commonwealth and improving the physical, mental and emotional
19 health of individuals in Pennsylvania; and

20 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is a pioneering state for becoming
21 healing centered; and

22 WHEREAS, Continued progress towards being healing centered in
23 communities, organizations, families and as individuals requires
24 reform in policies, practices and the current narrative; and

25 WHEREAS, The vital importance and full participation to
26 create a foundational unified front in awareness, resources and
27 healing for every individual in Pennsylvania to become trauma
28 informed is required; and

29 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania stands with the national movement,
30 #WeHealUS, to continue down our path to HEAL PA; and

1 WHEREAS, All individuals and leaders must recognize that
2 trauma exists and has widespread effects, recognize the signs
3 and symptoms of trauma and respond proactively and resist
4 retraumatization; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of May 2022 as
6 "Trauma Awareness Month" and May 25, 2022, as "Trauma Awareness
7 Day" in Pennsylvania.