
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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LANGERHOLC, BARTOLOTTA, KANE, HUGHES, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL,
SCHWANK, HAYWOOD, MUTH AND BROWNE, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2022 as "Hunger Action Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, September 2022 has been designated nationwide as
4 "Hunger Action Month" to raise awareness of the issue of hunger
5 and mobilize the public to help end hunger in America; and

6 WHEREAS, According to Feeding America, one in nine
7 Pennsylvanians and one in seven children are food insecure; and

8 WHEREAS, Food insecurity, the condition of limited or
9 uncertain access to adequate food, is associated with numerous
10 adverse social and health outcomes and is a critical public
11 health issue; and

12 WHEREAS, Children who experience hunger have higher levels of
13 chronic illness, anxiety, depression and behavioral problems
14 than children receiving a well-balanced diet; and

15 WHEREAS, Food-insecure older adults are at increased risk of
16 a range of physical and mental health conditions and
17 hospitalization; and

1 WHEREAS, Food insecurity is not discerning of whether
2 Pennsylvanians reside in urban or rural communities; and

3 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated many of the
4 factors that lead to food insecurity; and

5 WHEREAS, Current inflation rates for essentials are
6 compounding the economic challenges for many Pennsylvanians; and

7 WHEREAS, Hunger relief organizations, food banks and food
8 pantries throughout this Commonwealth are uniquely positioned to
9 help struggling individuals and families make ends meet and are
10 critical lifelines for nearly 2 million Pennsylvanians annually
11 but are increasingly stretched thin; and

12 WHEREAS, The fight against hunger requires engaging a wide
13 range of public and private entities, including policymakers,
14 business leaders, community activists, concerned citizens and
15 food-serving organizations; and

16 WHEREAS, Food banks, food rescue organizations, soup
17 kitchens, food pantries, faith-based organizations, businesses
18 and individuals are donating time, raising funds and giving food
19 to help their neighbors; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of September
21 2022 as "Hunger Action Month" in Pennsylvania.