
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 25, 2018, as "Missing Adult Persons Remembrance
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On any given day, it is estimated there are at least
4 20,000 missing adult persons in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Currently more than 200 adults in this Commonwealth
6 are among the missing; and

7 WHEREAS, Persons go missing for a variety of reasons,
8 including mental illness, addiction, abduction, natural
9 disasters and intentional disappearance; and

10 WHEREAS, Missing adult person cases are difficult to solve
11 due to a lack of crime scene and forensic evidence; and

12 WHEREAS, Since the reporting of missing adult persons is
13 voluntary, the reporting rate is very low; and

14 WHEREAS, Even when missing adults are reported, Federal,
15 State, local and nonprofit databases are not connected, making
16 it challenging for advocates to share information; and

17 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Police, local law enforcement

1 agencies, medical examiners, coroners, criminal justice
2 professionals and family members work to resolve these
3 difficult, heartbreaking cases; and

4 WHEREAS, The National Crime Information Center Missing Person
5 File implemented in the Federal Bureau of Investigation is a
6 computerized database of documented criminal justice information
7 accessible only to law enforcement agencies; and

8 WHEREAS, NamUs, the National Missing and Unidentified Persons
9 System created by the United States Department of Justice in
10 2007, is a publicly searchable, online database that serves as a
11 national repository for case information on missing persons; and

12 WHEREAS, Increased coordination is necessary between our
13 national missing persons organizations so that stakeholders and
14 families find it easier to navigate the complex systems and
15 improve the ability to access critical information; therefore be
16 it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 25, 2018, as "Missing
18 Adult Persons Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania to recognize all
19 missing adult persons in our nation and our Commonwealth and to
20 laud the systems currently in place and the work to be done in
21 the future to facilitate data sharing and enhance reporting,
22 investigation and resolution of missing adult person cases.