
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 487 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY TEPLITZ, KITCHEN, DINNIMAN, EICHELBERGER, SCHWANK,
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OCTOBER 25, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2016 as "Adoption Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Every year, hundreds of children in Pennsylvania
4 find themselves in need of a home and a safe and nurturing
5 environment; and

6 WHEREAS, The family is the foundation of any society and
7 children need the permanent love, care and protection of a
8 family to grow into healthy and productive adults; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2015, there were more than 2,500 children in this
10 Commonwealth waiting to be adopted; and

11 WHEREAS, For children waiting to be adopted in this
12 Commonwealth, the average length of stay in foster care is more
13 than three years; and

14 WHEREAS, The average age of Pennsylvania's adopted children
15 is approximately six years of age, with research showing that
16 for youth over nine years of age, the likelihood of being

1 adopted drops significantly; and

2 WHEREAS, The collaboration of both public and private
3 adoption agencies should be recognized for their commitment to
4 the needs of children throughout this Commonwealth; therefore be
5 it

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of November
7 2016 as "Adoption Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.