

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY KANE, TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, COMMITTA, HUGHES,
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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 4, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 15, 2025, as "Senior Fraud Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to a large and growing
4 population of senior citizens, many of whom are vulnerable to
5 financial fraud and scams that exploit senior citizens' trust
6 and savings; and

7 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC),
8 senior citizens are increasingly targeted by criminals who
9 engage in deceptive practices, including telephone scams, online
10 fraud, identity theft and predatory financial schemes; and

11 WHEREAS, The National Council on Aging reports that seniors
12 lose an estimated \$60 billion annually due to fraud and the
13 amount of loss continues to rise, exacerbating the financial
14 insecurity of older adults; and

15 WHEREAS, Based on data from the FTC, criminals stole between
16 an estimated \$310 million and \$2.7 billion from Pennsylvanians
17 over 60 years of age in 2023 and, on average, each Pennsylvania

1 victim over 60 years of age lost \$58,000; and

2 WHEREAS, Estimated fraud losses are growing at a rate of
3 nearly 20% per year; and

4 WHEREAS, Awareness and education about common fraud tactics
5 and prevention methods are essential in empowering seniors,
6 their families and caregivers to recognize, resist and report
7 fraudulent activities; and

8 WHEREAS, Promoting senior fraud awareness can help foster a
9 sense of security, independence and dignity for older
10 Pennsylvanians by reducing their vulnerability to fraud; and

11 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has been dedicated to protecting
12 seniors from financial exploitation and has implemented various
13 programs and initiatives aimed at providing education, resources
14 and support to safeguard the financial well-being of its elderly
15 residents; and

16 WHEREAS, Recognizing "Senior Fraud Awareness Day" underscores
17 the Commonwealth's commitment to educating seniors, caregivers
18 and the public about fraud prevention and ensuring that
19 Pennsylvania seniors can live with the confidence that their
20 financial security is safeguarded; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize May 15, 2025, as "Senior
22 Fraud Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate raise awareness about the growing
24 issue of senior fraud to encourage communities to educate
25 seniors about common scams and to provide resources for those
26 affected; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
28 the Governor, the Department of Aging, the Office of Attorney
29 General and senior advocacy organizations to ensure the broadest
30 possible dissemination and participation in activities to stop

1 senior fraud in Pennsylvania.