

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 169 Session of
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O'MARA, MENTZER AND CONKLIN, APRIL 3, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 3, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2025 as "Healthy Hunger-Free
2 Kids Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Hunger is a reality for many students, with one in
4 six children in this Commonwealth experiencing severe hunger;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Nearly 14 million children in the United States live
7 in food-insecure homes, where there is not enough food for every
8 family member; and

9 WHEREAS, We are fighting not only hunger in our children, but
10 also millions of tons of food waste; and

11 WHEREAS, Nearly 30 million school lunches are served daily
12 across the nation; and

13 WHEREAS, An estimated 530,000 tons of food, about 39 pounds
14 per student, and 45 million gallons of milk, about 29 cartons
15 per student, are wasted per year in school cafeterias; and

16 WHEREAS, The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act went into effect
17 in December 2010; and

1 WHEREAS, Under the act, students must take a certain number
2 of items, including a fruit or vegetable; and

3 WHEREAS, Schools must serve the same size meals to
4 kindergarteners, for whom the lunch might be too much, and older
5 students, for whom it might not be enough; and

6 WHEREAS, Research shows that many students are throwing the
7 required healthier options into the trash; and

8 WHEREAS, Share tables are a place where students can return
9 unopened food and drinks that they choose not to consume so that
10 other students may take additional helpings at no cost; and

11 WHEREAS, Share tables are an excellent way for child
12 nutrition programs to reduce food waste and provide nutrition
13 for hungry kids; and

14 WHEREAS, Share tables are an innovative strategy to encourage
15 the consumption of nutritious foods and reduce food waste;
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
18 month of September 2025 as "Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Month" in
19 Pennsylvania.