
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 20 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY NEILSON, HENNESSEY, READSHAW, TOOHL, McNEILL,
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MENTZER, ROZZI, ROEBUCK, MURT, BIZZARRO, MARSICO, DeLUCA,
CONKLIN, SCHWEYER, THOMAS, FREEMAN AND GILLEN,
JANUARY 23, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 23, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of February 2017 as "National Senior
2 Independence Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, According to a survey conducted by AARP, 78% of
4 adults over 45 years of age would prefer to stay in their
5 current residence as long as possible; and

6 WHEREAS, The same AARP survey revealed that 80% of adults
7 over 45 years of age would prefer to remain in their local
8 community for as long as possible; and

9 WHEREAS, "National Senior Independence Month" serves as an
10 opportunity to remind seniors to evaluate their current living
11 situation, recognize the strengths and weaknesses in their daily
12 routine and make adjustments for a better lifestyle; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
14 Prevention, 1 in 4 adults who are 65 years of age or older
15 experience a fall and more than 2.8 million older adults are

1 treated in emergency departments for fall-related injuries each
2 year; and

3 WHEREAS, In order for seniors to ensure that their homes are
4 a place in which they can live safely and independently, they
5 should check that all rooms are well lit and make lighting
6 replacements where needed; and

7 WHEREAS, Grab bars and handrails near the shower, bathtub and
8 toilet are recommended for installation in restrooms in seniors'
9 homes; and

10 WHEREAS, Seniors should also keep floors and walkways clear
11 of unnecessary items in order to be able to navigate areas of
12 their home without fear of falling; and

13 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Health and Human
14 Services Administration on Aging (AoA) promotes the well-being
15 of older individuals by providing services and programs designed
16 to help them live independently in their homes and communities;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, For more than 50 years, the AoA has provided home-
19 based and community-based services to millions of older adults
20 through the programs funded under the Older Americans Act of
21 1965; and

22 WHEREAS, Services provided using AoA funds include, but are
23 not limited to, transportation, adult day care, caregiver
24 supports and health promotion programs; and

25 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes the need to
26 raise awareness of the services available and the steps seniors
27 and their families can take to allow older Pennsylvanians to
28 remain in their homes and communities; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
30 month of February 2017 as "National Senior Independence Month"

1 in Pennsylvania.