
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 543 Session of
2015

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GINGRICH, FARINA, NEILSON, WARD, WATSON, BRADFORD AND
SCHEMEL, OCTOBER 15, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 15, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of November 22 through 28, 2015, as
2 "National Family Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Thanksgiving week, when families traditionally
4 gather or reunite, is an appropriate time to acknowledge the
5 strength and diversity of family relationships in our society;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout our nation and this Commonwealth, family
8 members take care of loved ones, work hard, live responsibly and
9 contribute to neighborhoods and communities; and

10 WHEREAS, Working together, families and communities thrive
11 when responsibilities and resources are shared and connections
12 are fostered; and

13 WHEREAS, Federal, State and local agencies and community
14 organizations have a long history of helping families improve

1 their circumstances during difficult times and ensuring that
2 children and adults reach their highest potential; and

3 WHEREAS, Economic self-sufficiency, dependable
4 transportation, reliable child care, accessible health care,
5 applicable education and training and affordable housing are
6 long-term objectives of "National Family Week"; and

7 WHEREAS, "National Family Week" was conceived by educator and
8 coach Sam Wiley and first observed in 1968; and

9 WHEREAS, The Alliance for Strong Families and Communities has
10 led an annual observance since 1970; and

11 WHEREAS, "National Family Week" has been recognized by
12 presidential proclamation annually since 1972; and

13 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives joins in celebrating
14 family life and notes the importance of promoting family bonds,
15 assisting families in crisis and establishing stable and
16 supportive personal, family and community relationships;
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
19 week of November 22 through 28, 2015, as "National Family Week"
20 in Pennsylvania.