

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 22 through 28, 2014, as  
2 "Respite Care Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Families are this Commonwealth's most important and  
4 constant care providers for individuals with extraordinary care  
5 needs, such as developmental disabilities, physical  
6 disabilities, Alzheimer's disease, mental and emotional  
7 disorders and extreme medical needs; and

8 WHEREAS, This important job can be stressful for the  
9 individual providing care, particularly due to the often  
10 constant demands, and many times involves a commitment of 24  
11 hours a day; and

12 WHEREAS, Respite or relief from the intensive demands of  
13 ongoing care keeps families intact and strengthens their ability  
14 to meet the challenge of caring for a family member with special  
15 needs; and

16 WHEREAS, Respite care is one of the most requested and cost-  
17 effective services for families and caregivers; and

1       WHEREAS, Respite care helps prevent abuse and neglect by  
2 giving stressed caregivers a break; and

3       WHEREAS, Citizens who provide respite care to persons with  
4 special needs are providing an important and highly valuable  
5 service to those individuals and their families and to their  
6 communities; therefore be it

7       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of September 22  
8 through 28, 2014, as "Respite Care Week" in Pennsylvania.