

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of July 2016 as "Free Community Paper
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The statement made by Thomas Jefferson to John Jay
4 in 1786 still rings true today, "Our liberty cannot be guarded
5 but by the freedom of the press, nor that be limited without
6 danger of losing it"; and

7 WHEREAS, The publishing industry of free community papers and
8 newspapers, made up of both small and large organizations, is an
9 important element in local communities throughout this nation;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Collectively, free community papers and newspapers
12 disseminate valuable information to more than 50 million homes
13 each week; and

14 WHEREAS, These hometown publications are the original and
15 enduring hyper local medium, carrying the torch of democracy as
16 the town crier, fixed in print and shared with neighbors free of
17 charge; and

18 WHEREAS, Free community papers proudly serve the information

1 needs of their communities across this great land, while
2 promoting local commerce, free enterprise and public service;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, It is fitting that recognition be given to these
5 publications, their owners and staff for their continued
6 contributions to the growth and success of local communities;
7 therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of July 2016 as
9 "Free Community Paper Month" in Pennsylvania and encourage all
10 residents of this Commonwealth to observe this month by taking
11 time to read, recognize and acknowledge the importance of free
12 community papers.