
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WHEATLEY, GAINEY, READSHAW, WARREN, PASHINSKI,
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LONGIETTI, SCHLOSSBERG AND V. BROWN, JULY 8, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JULY 8, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the reality of food insecurity in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, Food insecurity exists and has negative impacts on
3 Pennsylvanians in all counties and all communities, including
4 rural, suburban and urban; and

5 WHEREAS, The lack of access to enough food, at all times, for
6 an active and healthy life and limited or uncertain availability
7 of nutritionally adequate foods is linked to ill effects on
8 children's ability to succeed in school, older adults' ability
9 to stay healthy and workers' ability to be productive; and

10 WHEREAS, Food insecurity compels many Pennsylvanians to make
11 painful trade-offs between purchasing food and meeting other
12 important needs, including paying for housing, transportation or
13 medical care; and

14 WHEREAS, Food and nutrition assistance programs have been
15 shown to alleviate food insecurity, decrease the incidence of
16 diet-related diseases, improve the educational outcomes of

1 students and reduce the number of sick days taken by workers;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Addressing the needs of Pennsylvanians struggling
4 with hunger and working to eliminate hunger in this Commonwealth
5 should be a high priority; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians, through their charitable giving,
7 volunteer efforts and advocacy, provide significant support to a
8 network of food assistance providers represented by Feeding
9 Pennsylvania and Hunger-Free Pennsylvania; and

10 WHEREAS, Bucks County Opportunity Council, Butler County Food
11 Program, Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, Chester County Food
12 Bank, Community Food Warehouse of Mercer County, Fayette County
13 Community Action Agency, Food For Families - Cambria, Greater
14 Berks Food Bank, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and
15 Greater Washington County Food Bank are Feeding Pennsylvania and
16 Hunger-Free Pennsylvania members; and

17 WHEREAS, Other Feeding Pennsylvania and Hunger-Free
18 Pennsylvania members include Indiana County Community Action
19 Program, Montgomery County Community Action and Development
20 Commission, Philabundance, Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh
21 Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania, Second Harvest Food Bank of
22 Northwest Pennsylvania, SHARE Food Program, Weinberg Northeast
23 Pennsylvania Regional Food Bank, Westmoreland County Food Bank
24 and York County Food Bank; and

25 WHEREAS, These organizations and their affiliated network
26 members work with the Commonwealth to maximize the beneficial
27 impacts of the Commonwealth's antihunger programs, including the
28 State Food Purchase Program, Pennsylvania Agricultural Surplus
29 System and Charitable Food Program of the Neighborhood
30 Assistance Program; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
2 reality of food insecurity in Pennsylvania; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its
4 appreciation to the many Pennsylvanians who work to help their
5 neighbors throughout this Commonwealth struggling with food
6 insecurity, including the workers, volunteers, donors and
7 advocates of Pennsylvania's food banks, food cupboards, food
8 pantries, soup kitchens and other food assistance providers.