

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of September 24 through 30, 2017, as  
2 "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week" in  
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The literacy of our residents is essential for the  
5 economic well-being of this Commonwealth and allows residents to  
6 fully participate in the processes of government; and

7 WHEREAS, Literacy and education are a prerequisite to  
8 individuals achieving the full benefit of opportunities in our  
9 communities; and

10 WHEREAS, The economy and our position in the global economy  
11 depend on having a literate, skilled population; and

12 WHEREAS, Parents who read to their children and parents'  
13 education levels have a direct impact on the educational success  
14 of their children; and

15 WHEREAS, Thirteen percent of adults in this Commonwealth lack  
16 the reading, math or English skills to read a prescription and  
17 follow medical instructions, endangering their lives and the  
18 lives of their loved ones; and

1 WHEREAS, Many individuals who are unemployed, underemployed  
2 or receive public assistance lack the literacy skills to obtain  
3 and keep a job with family-sustaining income, continue their  
4 education or participate in job training programs; and

5 WHEREAS, Many high school dropouts do not have the literacy  
6 skills to complete their education, transition to postsecondary  
7 education or vocational training or become employed; and

8 WHEREAS, "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week"  
9 highlights the need for the nation to support efforts to ensure  
10 that all individuals have the necessary literacy skills to  
11 succeed at home, at work and in society; and

12 WHEREAS, The Senate supports educators and students enrolled  
13 in educational programs throughout this Commonwealth; therefore  
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of September 24  
16 through 30, 2017, as "National Adult Education and Family  
17 Literacy Week" in Pennsylvania and encourage all residents of  
18 this Commonwealth to participate in literacy activities that  
19 support and strengthen family bonds.