

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MARTIN, BROWNE, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL, HAYWOOD,
GEBHARD, BARTOLOTTA AND TARTAGLIONE, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of September 18 through 24, 2022, 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, Approximately 1.6 million adults in this
16 Commonwealth lack the reading, mathematics or English skills to
17 read a prescription and follow medical instructions, endangering
18 their lives and the lives of their loved ones; and

1 WHEREAS, Nearly 70,000 students dropped out of high school in
2 the five years leading up to 2021; and

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

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

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

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

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of September 18
18 through 24, 2022, as "National Adult Education and Family
19 Literacy Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage all residents of this
21 Commonwealth to participate in literacy activities that support
22 and strengthen family bonds.