
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 25, 1996

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Pennsylvania Dental Association for offering
2 reduced-cost dental care to eligible senior citizens through
3 the Senior Dental Care Program and proclaiming July 1996 as
4 "Pennsylvania Dental Association Senior Dental Care Program
5 Month" in this Commonwealth.

6 WHEREAS, The Senior Dental Care Program of the Pennsylvania
7 Dental Association offers reduced dental care services through
8 more than 1,700 dentists Statewide; and

9 WHEREAS, The dentists who participate in the program are
10 members of the Pennsylvania Dental Association and have agreed
11 to reduce by a minimum of 15% fees for all dental services,
12 including examinations, cleanings and other dental procedures,
13 to those who qualify for the program; and

14 WHEREAS, Those who are eligible must be persons 65 years of
15 age or older who do not receive Federal, State or other dental

1 health assistance or have private dental insurance and who have
2 a total annual household income of less than \$13,000 for someone
3 single or less than \$16,200 for married couples; and

4 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Dental Association has established
5 a toll-free telephone number of 1-(800)692-7256 to provide
6 references to eligible State residents of participating dentists
7 in their local area; and

8 WHEREAS, The dentists who participate in this program do not
9 receive any reimbursements for their lost costs and often
10 provide special financial arrangements to ensure that eligible
11 patients get the dental services they need; and

12 WHEREAS, Participating dentists provide an important public
13 service to eligible older Pennsylvanians who otherwise would
14 have to do without important dental services. The types of
15 services provided meet the standard of dental care that the
16 dentist established for his or her usual practice; and

17 WHEREAS, The lack of dental services would have a detrimental
18 effect on the lives of these senior citizens, who live either on
19 fixed incomes or survive on low income; and

20 WHEREAS, Providing commendation to the Pennsylvania Dental
21 Association for this fine program will make more eligible senior
22 citizens aware of its existence and able to access its services;
23 therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives proclaim the
25 month of July 1996 as "Pennsylvania Dental Association Senior
26 Dental Care Program Month" in this Commonwealth; and be it
27 further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
29 residents who are 65 years of age or older and living on a fixed
30 or low income to consider whether they qualify for Pennsylvania

1 Dental Association Senior Dental Care and to participate in this
2 good program; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the
4 Pennsylvania Dental Association and the 1,700 dentists who
5 participate in the program for offering such fine services at
6 reduced costs; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a copy of resolution be transmitted to the
8 Pennsylvania Dental Association, P.O. Box 3341, Harrisburg, PA
9 17105.