
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 493 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY TEPLITZ, WOZNIAK, STACK, WASHINGTON, DINNIMAN,
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YUDICHAK, HUTCHINSON, BRUBAKER, SCARNATI AND BROWNE,
OCTOBER 15, 2014

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 15, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2014 as "Adoption Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Every child deserves a loving, nurturing permanent
4 home where they can feel cared for, safe and supported; and

5 WHEREAS, The family is the foundation of any society and
6 children need permanent love, care and protection of a family to
7 grow into healthy and productive adults; and

8 WHEREAS, Adoption provides children with a lifetime of
9 emotional and legal connections to a family; and

10 WHEREAS, As of 2012, there were 1,924 children in this
11 Commonwealth waiting to be adopted; and

12 WHEREAS, For children waiting to be adopted in this
13 Commonwealth, the average length of stay in care is more than
14 three years; and

15 WHEREAS, Older children are not as likely to be adopted as
16 younger children; and

1 WHEREAS, The average age of Pennsylvania's adopted children
2 is about six years of age, with research showing that for youth
3 over nine years of age, the likelihood of being adopted
4 significantly drops; and

5 WHEREAS, The collaboration of both public and private
6 adoption agencies should be recognized for their commitment to
7 the needs of children throughout this Commonwealth; therefore be
8 it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of November
10 2014 as "Adoption Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.