
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 100th anniversary of Planned Parenthood and
2 celebrating the essential health care services they have
3 provided to women and families across the country and this
4 Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood is one of the nation's leading
6 providers of high quality, affordable health care, including
7 vital health care services and sex education; and

8 WHEREAS, Half of Planned Parenthood health centers are
9 located in medically underserved communities, providing critical
10 and preventive health care in areas of the most need in the
11 country; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to providing health care services,
13 Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest provider of sex
14 education, reaching 1.5 million youths and adults in the United
15 States in 2014; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2014, testing and treatment of sexually
17 transmitted infections and diseases accounted for nearly half of
18 the services provided by Planned Parenthood, followed by

1 contraception, pregnancy testing and prenatal care and cancer
2 screening and prevention; and

3 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood health centers that have
4 significantly increased access to health care for women, men and
5 young people provided basic health care services to 2.5 million
6 patients across the United States in 2015; and

7 WHEREAS, Before becoming a leading provider in health care
8 services, Planned Parenthood had to overcome both legal and
9 public opposition; and

10 WHEREAS, The first birth control clinic in the United States
11 opened in Brooklyn, New York, in 1916; and

12 WHEREAS, The founders of the first clinic were arrested and
13 indicted under the Comstock Law of 1873, that made it illegal to
14 discuss, distribute materials or provide women with any
15 information related to contraception; and

16 WHEREAS, In a decision resulting from the founders' appeal of
17 their convictions, the court made an exception to existing law
18 and allowed doctors to prescribe contraception to female
19 patients for medical reasons; and

20 WHEREAS, During the years that followed, the American Birth
21 Control League, that would later be known as the Planned
22 Parenthood Federation of America in 1942, was established and
23 clinics were opened in various counties throughout this
24 Commonwealth; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
26 100th anniversary of Planned Parenthood and celebrate the
27 essential health care services they have provided to women and
28 families across the country and this Commonwealth.