## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

- Recognizing the month of September 2015 as "Hunger Action Month" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, September 2015 has been designated as "Hunger Action
- 4 Month" to provide an opportunity for communities in the United
- 5 States to unite in order to focus attention on the persistent
- 6 problem of domestic hunger; and
- 7 WHEREAS, According to Feeding Pennsylvania, 1.82 million
- 8 Pennsylvanians fight hunger, including approximately 536,000
- 9 children who are nutritionally insecure; and
- 10 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Agriculture gathers
- 11 information and provides statistics related to domestic hunger;
- 12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, Hunger is a reality for one in seven Pennsylvanians;
- 14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, Many people in United States households experience
- 16 hunger and some people in these households frequently skip meals
- 17 or eat too little, sometimes going without food for a whole day;

- 1 and
- 2 WHEREAS, Members of these households have lower quality diets
- 3 or must resort to seeking emergency food because they cannot
- 4 always afford the food they need; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The cost of other essentials, such as home heating,
- 6 gasoline, housing and medical care have increased significantly,
- 7 and for families caught in the squeeze between declining wages
- 8 and rising costs, the food budget becomes a frequent pressure
- 9 point; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Utilization of emergency food assistance becomes a
- 11 way for these families to keep food on the table while paying
- 12 the bills; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Food banks, food rescue organizations, soup
- 14 kitchens, food pantries, faith-based organizations, businesses
- 15 and individuals are donating time, raising funds and giving food
- 16 to help their neighbors; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Individuals benefiting from the availability of
- 18 donated food range from infants and toddlers, school-age
- 19 children and adolescents to single mothers, single fathers, two-
- 20 parent families, veterans and their families and senior
- 21 citizens; therefore be it
- 22 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of September
- 23 2015 as "Hunger Action Month" in Pennsylvania.