
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2016 as "Agent Orange
2 Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Vietnam War, which lasted from 1962 to 1975, was
4 the longest conflict in American history; and

5 WHEREAS, During the Vietnam War, American servicepersons
6 displayed heroic courage and determination under some of the
7 most difficult circumstances ever encountered in United States
8 military history; and

9 WHEREAS, Approximately 498,000 men and women from this
10 Commonwealth served during the Vietnam War era, an estimated
11 172,000 of whom directly participated in the war; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of
13 Veterans Affairs, approximately 20 million gallons of Agent
14 Orange and other herbicides were used during the Vietnam War;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Thousands of Vietnam War veterans have died due to

1 the use of Agent Orange; and

2 WHEREAS, Thousands of veterans still suffer from cancer and
3 other health disorders caused by exposure to Agent Orange; and

4 WHEREAS, Veterans with health problems caused by Agent Orange
5 live with the knowledge that genetic damage resulting from their
6 exposure to Agent Orange may be handed down through generations;
7 therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2016
9 as "Agent Orange Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania in order to
10 honor the veterans who served and to bring awareness to the
11 issue.