
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 37 Session of 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY 24, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of January 30 through February 3, 2017, as
2 "Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Tax-related identity theft was the most common form
4 of identity theft reported to the Federal Trade Commission in
5 2014; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the Internal Revenue Service, more than
7 300,000 American taxpayers had their tax return details stolen
8 as a result of the 2015 security breach; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the Internal Revenue Service,
10 approximately \$5.8 billion in fraudulent tax refunds were paid
11 in 2013 related to identity theft; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Trade Commission, tax
13 refund fraud is the largest and fastest growing identity theft
14 category; and

15 WHEREAS, Approximately 5,000 victims have paid more than
16 \$28.5 million to scammers who pose as IRS agents according to

1 the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; therefore
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
4 week of January 30 through February 3, 2017, as "Tax Identity
5 Theft Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.