

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of July 2017 as "Free Community Paper  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The statement made by Thomas Jefferson to John Jay  
4 in 1786 still rings true today, "Our liberty cannot be guarded  
5 but by the freedom of the press, nor that be limited without  
6 danger of losing it"; and

7 WHEREAS, The publishing industry of free community papers and  
8 newspapers, made up of both small and large organizations, is an  
9 important element in local communities throughout this nation;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Collectively, free community papers and newspapers  
12 disseminate valuable information to more than 50 million homes  
13 each week; and

14 WHEREAS, These hometown publications are the original and  
15 enduring hyper local medium, carrying the torch of democracy as  
16 the town crier, fixed in print and shared with neighbors free of  
17 charge; and

1       WHEREAS, Free community papers proudly serve the information  
2 needs of their communities across this great land, while  
3 promoting local commerce, free enterprise and public service;  
4 and

5       WHEREAS, It is fitting that recognition be given to these  
6 publications, their owners and staff for their continued  
7 contributions to the growth and success of local communities;  
8 therefore be it

9       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of July 2017 as  
10 "Free Community Paper Month" in Pennsylvania and encourage all  
11 residents of this Commonwealth to observe this month by taking  
12 time to read, recognize and acknowledge the importance of free  
13 community papers.