
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1043 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, BURNS, HILL-EVANS, HENNESSEY, HELM,
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YOUNGBLOOD, KINSEY, WARREN AND NEILSON, OCTOBER 7, 2020

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 7, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2020 as "Family Caregiver
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More than 1.8 million family caregivers in this
4 Commonwealth provide almost \$20 billion in uncompensated care
5 annually to their loved ones; and

6 WHEREAS, Family caregivers are relatives who, in addition to
7 working full time themselves, spend an average of more than 20
8 hours per week providing unpaid care to a parent, spouse or
9 other adult relative at home; and

10 WHEREAS, Family caregivers provide assistance with daily
11 activities such as cooking, cleaning, bathing, medical care
12 adherence monitoring and transportation to appointments; and

13 WHEREAS, The assistance provided by family caregivers often
14 supplements other home and community-based services offered by
15 professional care providers to keep the family together at home;
16 and

1 WHEREAS, Family caregivers save the Commonwealth more than
2 \$37,000 per person per year in medical assistance spending by
3 keeping their loved ones at home rather than in a nursing
4 facility; and

5 WHEREAS, Family caregivers are at high risk for health
6 problems themselves, ranging from chronic pain such as headaches
7 and backaches to weakened immune systems, from the stress of
8 caring for another person full time; and

9 WHEREAS, Family caregivers are also at higher risk for
10 depression, emotional problems and cognitive issues, with as
11 many as 70% of family caregivers showing clinical symptoms of
12 depression; and

13 WHEREAS, The out-of-pocket expenses for family caregivers can
14 be on average \$7,400 per year; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
16 month of November 2020 as "Family Caregiver Month" in
17 Pennsylvania; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize that
19 family caregivers work hard each day, put the needs of their
20 loved ones ahead of their own and keep families together at home
21 where they most want to be.