THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, JULY 18, 2023

A RESOLUTION

- Designating the month of September 2023 as "Hunger Action Month" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in
- 4 this Commonwealth; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Approximately 9.4% of residents of this
- 6 Commonwealth, more than 1.2 million individuals, face hunger and
- 7 one in every eight children do not know where their next meal
- 8 will come from; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is committed to taking steps to
- 10 combat hunger in every part of our community and provide
- 11 additional resources to those in need; and
- 12 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is committed to working with
- 13 Feeding Pennsylvania and Hunger Free Pennsylvania in educating
- 14 individuals about the role and importance of food banks in
- 15 addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote
- 16 more resources and attention to hunger issues; and
- 17 WHEREAS, The members of Feeding Pennsylvania and Hunger Free

- 1 Pennsylvania distributed nearly 200 million pounds of food
- 2 through their network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters
- 3 and other community organizations; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The month of September has been designated "Hunger
- 5 Action Month" in order to bring attention to food insecurity in
- 6 our communities and to enlist the public in the fight to end
- 7 hunger by taking action, including volunteer shifts, social
- 8 media shares and donations to ensure that no individual has to
- 9 make an impossible choice between food and other necessities
- 10 like medicine, utilities or child care; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Food banks across the country, including the members
- 12 of Feeding Pennsylvania and Hunger Free Pennsylvania, host
- 13 numerous events throughout the month of September to bring
- 14 awareness and help end hunger in their local community;
- 15 therefore be it
- 16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
- 17 month of September 2023 as "Hunger Action Month" in
- 18 Pennsylvania.