
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 948 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY MURT, STAATS, KAUFFMAN, READSHAW, SCHLOSSBERG,
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STEPHENS, YOUNGBLOOD, BURNS, BOBACK, BROWN, MACKENZIE AND
EVERETT, JULY 14, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES,
JULY 14, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2020 as "Dementia Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, A growing number of Pennsylvanians are facing the
4 challenges of living with various forms of dementia; and

5 WHEREAS, Older adults with dementia are more likely to need
6 assistance from family, friends, caregivers and first responders
7 due to dementia and the associated risk for elopement; and

8 WHEREAS, Families who have loved ones with dementia deserve
9 to be recognized for the courage, dedication and sacrifices they
10 make in providing care; and

11 WHEREAS, Many Pennsylvanians are professional caregivers for
12 individuals with dementia, providing an important and difficult
13 service for those they assist; and

14 WHEREAS, The Dementia Society of America's Operation
15 KeepSafe™ program, which provides basic education, along with

1 low-cost and no-cost kits for those living with dementia and
2 their families that include an identification bracelet, wallet
3 card, stickers for items like a cell phone or the refrigerator
4 door, instructions and helpful information; and

5 WHEREAS, The health and safety of Pennsylvanians living with
6 dementia is of utmost importance; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
8 month of November 2020 as "Dementia Awareness Month" in
9 Pennsylvania; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage local
11 communities to adopt programs like Operation KeepSafe™ as a
12 first step in becoming dementia-friendly for their residents who
13 are living with dementia and the families and caregivers that
14 assist them.