
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2014 as "Older Americans Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Older adults have made important contributions to
4 the culture, economy and character of this nation and this
5 Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Today's older Americans span three generations, have
7 lived through wars and hard times as well as periods of
8 unprecedented prosperity and have also pioneered new
9 technologies in medicine, communications and industry while
10 spearheading a cultural revolution that won equal rights for
11 minorities, women and disabled Americans; and

12 WHEREAS, Older Americans have been honored during the month
13 of May since 1963, when President John F. Kennedy issued the
14 first proclamation asking that the entire nation pay tribute in
15 some way to older persons in their communities; and

16 WHEREAS, When Older Americans Month was first established,
17 only 17 million Americans reached their 65th birthdays, about

1 one-third of older Americans lived in poverty and there were few
2 programs to meet their needs; and

3 WHEREAS, Today, increasing numbers of adults are reaching
4 retirement age and remaining strong and active for longer than
5 ever before; and

6 WHEREAS, By the year 2030, America's senior population is
7 expected to number 71.5 million; and

8 WHEREAS, As the new generation of seniors becomes better
9 educated and more financially secure than their predecessors,
10 seniors are spending more time making significant contributions
11 in their communities through civic and volunteer opportunities;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The theme for this year's annual Older Americans
14 Month is "Safe Today. Healthy Tomorrow." which focuses on injury
15 prevention and safety awareness to help older adults remain
16 healthy and active; and

17 WHEREAS, The annual commemoration of Older Americans Month is
18 an opportunity to recognize the contributions of older citizens
19 and join in providing services and support that empower the
20 elderly; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of May 2014 as
22 "Older Americans Month" in Pennsylvania.