

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JANUARY 13, 2016

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of January 2016 as "Financial Aid  
2 Awareness Month" and commending the work of the Pennsylvania  
3 Higher Education Assistance Agency and the Pennsylvania  
4 Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

5 WHEREAS, January is the first month in which students can  
6 apply for financial aid to help finance their postsecondary  
7 education; and

8 WHEREAS, The ability of some students to attend college and  
9 pursue a postsecondary education is dependent upon the  
10 availability of student financial assistance; and

11 WHEREAS, Knowledge of the availability of student financial  
12 aid to help finance a postsecondary education has been shown to  
13 vary across demographic groupings; and

14 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth, through the Pennsylvania Higher  
15 Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), has been one of the leading  
16 states in the nation in providing need-based State grant

1 financial assistance to eligible residents of this Commonwealth  
2 and providing other State financial assistance programs; and

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial  
4 Aid Administrators (PASFAA) has been one of the leading state  
5 associations of financial aid professionals in the nation who  
6 advocate for access to postsecondary education and educate the  
7 public on financial aid and funding opportunities; and

8 WHEREAS, The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)  
9 is the first step in the financial aid process to apply for  
10 Federal student aid, such as the Pell Grants, student loans and  
11 college work-study programs; and

12 WHEREAS, FAFSA information is also used to award State grants  
13 to Commonwealth students pursuing postsecondary education; and

14 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth, PHEAA and PASFAA want to promote  
15 the availability of student financial assistance to help finance  
16 a postsecondary education in the form of Federal grants, State  
17 grants, loans, work-study programs and other specialized State  
18 funding programs to help eligible Pennsylvanians pursue their  
19 postsecondary endeavors; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
21 month of January 2016 as "Financial Aid Awareness Month," urge  
22 all Commonwealth residents pursuing higher education to apply  
23 for financial aid through FAFSA and recognize the work of PHEAA  
24 and PASFAA in their respective efforts to promote the  
25 availability of postsecondary student financial assistance for  
26 the residents of this Commonwealth.