
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1095 Session of
2015

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SONNEY, VEREB, WARD AND YOUNGBLOOD, OCTOBER 24, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 24, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 19, 2016, as "National Adoption Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Adoption provides a child with a lifetime connection
4 to a family, profoundly changing the course of that child's life
5 by providing stability, security, love and opportunity; and

6 WHEREAS, "National Adoption Day" is a collective national
7 effort to raise awareness of the more than 100,000 children
8 across the United States who are in foster care and waiting to
9 be adopted; and

10 WHEREAS, This annual one-day event held on the Saturday
11 before Thanksgiving has made the dreams of thousands of children
12 come true by working with policymakers, practitioners and
13 advocates to finalize adoptions and further create and celebrate
14 adoptive families; and

1 WHEREAS, Approximately 4,000 children in the United States
2 had their adoptions finalized on the 16th annual "National
3 Adoption Day" in 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Since its inception in 2000, "National Adoption Day"
5 has helped nearly 58,500 children in the United States move from
6 foster care to adoption; and

7 WHEREAS, More than 2,500 children in this Commonwealth are
8 currently waiting to be adopted; and

9 WHEREAS, The average wait for a child in foster care to be
10 adopted is three years; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 23,000 children in the United States age
12 out of the foster care system every year with no family or
13 permanent home; and

14 WHEREAS, The collaboration between and commitment of both
15 public and private adoption agencies should be recognized as
16 these agencies tirelessly address the needs of children
17 throughout this Commonwealth and this nation; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
19 November 19, 2016, as "National Adoption Day" in Pennsylvania.