
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 239 Session of
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NOVEMBER 16, 2015

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, NOVEMBER 16, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2015 as "Adoption Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Every year, hundreds of children in Pennsylvania
4 find themselves in need of a home and a safe and nurturing
5 environment; and

6 WHEREAS, The family is the foundation of any society and
7 children need the permanent love, care and protection of a
8 family to grow into healthy and productive adults; and

9 WHEREAS, As of early 2015, there were 1,743 children in this
10 Commonwealth waiting to be adopted; and

11 WHEREAS, For children waiting to be adopted in this
12 Commonwealth, the average length of stay in care is more than
13 three years; and

14 WHEREAS, The average age of Pennsylvania's adopted children
15 is about six years of age, with research showing that for youth
16 over nine years of age, the likelihood of being adopted drops

1 significantly; and

2 WHEREAS, The collaboration of both public and private
3 adoption agencies should be recognized for their commitment to
4 the needs of children throughout this Commonwealth; therefore be
5 it

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of November
7 2015 as "Adoption Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.