

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 15, 2016, as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Older Pennsylvanians should be recognized as a
4 valuable resource to this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, No one is immune to the threat of elder abuse; and

6 WHEREAS, It is an obligation of all residents to protect the
7 health, safety and welfare of this Commonwealth's elder
8 residents; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth received more than 20,800 reports
10 of elder abuse in 2014, and it is estimated that only one in
11 five cases of abuse is reported; and

12 WHEREAS, The act of November 6, 1987 (P.L.381, No.79), known
13 as the Older Adults Protective Services Act, requires that older
14 adults who lack the capacity to protect themselves shall have
15 access to and be provided with services necessary to protect
16 their health, safety and welfare; and

17 WHEREAS, A partnership exists between the Department of

1 Aging, the Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies on Aging,
2 the Temple Institute on Protective Services, district attorneys,
3 county elder abuse task forces and State and local law
4 enforcement to investigate every allegation of elder abuse; and

5 WHEREAS, It is necessary to increase awareness of the
6 incidents of elder abuse and to educate people about the methods
7 to report suspected cases of abuse; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate June 15, 2016, as "Elder
9 Abuse Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania and strive to increase
10 awareness every day about elder abuse and the resources in place
11 to prevent it from occurring.