

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 649 Session of 2020

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY 5, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of ~~January 27 through 31~~ FEBRUARY 3 THROUGH <--
2 7, 2020, as "Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week" in
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Tax-related identity theft was the second most
5 common form of identity theft reported to the Federal Trade
6 Commission in 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, According to the Internal Revenue Service, more than
8 300,000 American taxpayers had their tax return details stolen
9 as a result of the 2015 security breach; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the Internal Revenue Service,
11 approximately \$1.6 billion in fraudulent tax refunds were paid
12 in 2016 related to identity theft; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Trade Commission, tax
14 refund fraud is one of the largest and fastest growing identity
15 theft categories; and

16 WHEREAS, Approximately 5,000 victims have paid more than

1 \$26.5 million to scammers who pose as IRS agents according to
2 the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; therefore
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
5 week of ~~January 27 through 31~~ FEBRUARY 3 THROUGH 7, 2020, as <--
6 "Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.