
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY SCHLEGEL CULVER, NELSON, SCHMITT, BIZZARRO, BURNS,
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HILL-EVANS, KINSEY, READSHAW, ROEBUCK, THOMAS, NEILSON, KIM,
DeLUCA AND ROZZI, JANUARY 30, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, JANUARY 30, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 11, 2020, as "PA 2-1-1 Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, PA 2-1-1 is a free service available to all
4 residents of this Commonwealth to assist in supporting a
5 multitude of health and human services; and

6 WHEREAS, PA 2-1-1 is celebrating 100% Statewide coverage of
7 its services, effective January 1, 2020; and

8 WHEREAS, Thousands of people across the United States and
9 Canada turn to 2-1-1 for free, confidential referrals and
10 information every day; and

11 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 connects Pennsylvanians in need of health and
12 human services assistance available through government programs
13 and private and nonprofit organizations in their communities;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 has the potential to provide assistance to
16 communities in the time of a disaster; and

1 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 connects volunteers and donors with
2 organizations that can leverage resources to meet the needs of
3 the community; and

4 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 collects data about information and referral
5 requests which can be used to inform State and local government,
6 as well as community service organizations, in assessing needs
7 and planning services; and

8 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 counts and provides real-time health and human
9 services data for each zip code across this Commonwealth, as
10 well as counties, regions, congressional and legislative
11 districts and school districts; and

12 WHEREAS, The 2-1-1 system offers a stable Statewide
13 infrastructure that can be used in a broad variety of ways to
14 streamline and enhance the work of State government; and

15 WHEREAS, The 2-1-1 system eases the burden on Commonwealth
16 departments by helping to reduce the number of misdirected
17 calls; and

18 WHEREAS, PA 2-1-1 is the nonprofit organization assigned use
19 of the 2-1-1 dialing code by the Pennsylvania Public Utility
20 Commission in order to provide community service information and
21 referral, as currently accomplished through seven regional
22 programs; and

23 WHEREAS, The United Ways in this Commonwealth deserve
24 recognition for their role in raising the funds needed to
25 provide the PA 2-1-1 system to residents in this Commonwealth;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the General
28 Assembly deserve recognition for continued support of the PA 2-
29 1-1 service, including annual investments of \$750,000 to the PA
30 2-1-1 system to provide Pennsylvanians the resources needed for

1 health and human services information and referrals; therefore
2 be it
3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
4 February 11, 2020, as "PA 2-1-1 Day" in Pennsylvania.