
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, APRIL 14, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2020 as "National Moving Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, America's moving and storage industry consists of
4 7,000 companies operating at 13,900 locations with more than
5 122,000 employees and an annual payroll of \$3.6 billion; and

6 WHEREAS, Professional movers successfully move more than 35
7 million Americans every year, helping more than 11% of Americans
8 move to new homes annually; and

9 WHEREAS, The American Moving & Storage Association recently
10 published an Economic Impact Study showing that the industry
11 generates more than \$12 billion in annual revenue; and

12 WHEREAS, The busiest season for moving businesses begins in
13 May and runs through September as people use the summer season
14 to move to new homes while school is out; and

15 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Transportation
16 received more than 4,100 complaints of moving fraud in 2017,
17 where disreputable movers drained families financially and
18 emotionally through fraudulent business practices and theft; and

1 WHEREAS, Organizations such as the American Moving & Storage
2 Association and the Better Business Bureau have come together to
3 spread awareness of moving fraud and promote good practices to
4 help protect consumers; and

5 WHEREAS, It is important for individuals planning a move to
6 compare companies, ask for estimates in writing, provide the
7 movers with an accurate description of everything that needs to
8 be taken care of and ask as many questions as possible to
9 eliminate any surprises and confusion during the moving process;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Individuals looking for a moving company should
12 avoid tell-tale signs of disreputable movers by avoiding
13 companies that do not provide estimates in writing, demand
14 upfront cash deposits, provide partial contracts, and do not
15 have branded moving vehicles; now therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
17 month of May 2020 as "National Moving Month" in Pennsylvania;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives and all
20 Pennsylvanians work to avoid and report disreputable movers to
21 protect themselves and each other from falling victim to moving
22 fraud.