
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 127 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY BAKER, BARTOLOTTA, VOGEL, PHILLIPS-HILL, BROWNE,
DINNIMAN, MARTIN, J. WARD, BREWSTER, SCAVELLO, TARTAGLIONE,
FONTANA, AUMENT, HUGHES, KILLION AND COSTA, MAY 8, 2019

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 8, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 25, 2019, as "Missing Adult Persons Remembrance
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On any given day, it is estimated there are more
4 than 80,000 missing adult persons in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Currently more than 300 adults in this Commonwealth
6 are among the missing; and

7 WHEREAS, Persons go missing for a variety of reasons,
8 including mental illness, addiction, abduction, natural
9 disasters and intentional disappearance; and

10 WHEREAS, Missing adult person cases are difficult to solve
11 due to a lack of crime scene and forensic evidence; and

12 WHEREAS, Since the reporting of missing adult persons is
13 voluntary, the reporting rate is very low; and

14 WHEREAS, Even when missing adults are reported, Federal,
15 State, local and nonprofit databases are not connected, making
16 it challenging for advocates to share information; and

17 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Police, local law enforcement

1 agencies, medical examiners, coroners, criminal justice
2 professionals and family members work to resolve these
3 difficult, heartbreaking cases; and

4 WHEREAS, The National Crime Information Center's Missing
5 Person File implemented in the Federal Bureau of Investigation
6 is a computerized database of documented criminal justice
7 information accessible only to law enforcement agencies; and

8 WHEREAS, NamUs, the National Missing and Unidentified Persons
9 System created by the United States Department of Justice in
10 2007, is a publicly searchable, online database that serves as a
11 national repository for case information on missing persons; and

12 WHEREAS, Increased coordination is necessary between our
13 national missing persons organizations so that stakeholders and
14 families find it easier to navigate the complex systems and
15 improve the ability to access critical information; therefore be
16 it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 25, 2019, as "Missing
18 Adult Persons Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize all missing adult persons
21 in our nation and our Commonwealth and laud the systems
22 currently in place and the work to be done to facilitate data
23 sharing and enhance reporting, investigation and resolution of
24 missing adult person cases.