
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 15, 2019, 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 the obligation of all residents of this
7 Commonwealth to protect the health, safety and welfare of this
8 Commonwealth's elder residents; and

9 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth received more than 32,253 reports
10 of elder abuse in the 2017-2018 fiscal year, and it is estimated
11 that only one in 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 University Institute on Protective Services, district
3 attorneys, county elder abuse task forces and State and local
4 law enforcement to investigate every allegation of elder abuse;
5 and

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

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate June 15, 2019, as "Elder
10 Abuse Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania and strive to increase
11 awareness every day about elder abuse and the resources in place
12 to prevent it from occurring.