

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of January 29 through February 2, 2024, as  
2 "Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

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

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Approximately 5,000 victims have paid more than  
16 \$26.5 million to scammers who pose as IRS agents according to  
17 the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; therefore  
18 be it

1       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
2 week of January 29 through February 2, 2024, as "Tax Identity  
3 Theft Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.