

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2010

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 2010 as "Hunger Action Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, September 2010 has been designated as "Hunger Action  
4 Month" to provide an opportunity for communities in the United  
5 States to unite to focus attention on the persistent problem of  
6 domestic hunger; and

7 WHEREAS, For one in six Pennsylvanians, hunger is a reality;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Many United States households experience hunger, and  
10 some people in these households frequently skip meals or eat too  
11 little, sometimes going without food for a whole day; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2008, 49 million Americans, or 16%, were food  
13 insecure, meaning their access to enough food is limited by a  
14 lack of money and other resources; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2009, 15.9% of Pennsylvanians did not have enough  
2 money to buy food that they or their families needed; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2009, over 20% of Pennsylvania's children  
4 experienced food insecurity; and

5 WHEREAS, Members of these households have lower-quality diets  
6 or must resort to seeking emergency food because they cannot  
7 always afford the food they need; and

8 WHEREAS, The costs of other essentials, such as home heating,  
9 gasoline, housing and medical care, have increased  
10 significantly, and for families caught in the squeeze between  
11 declining wages and rising costs, the food budget becomes a  
12 frequent pressure point; and

13 WHEREAS, Utilization of emergency food assistance becomes a  
14 way for these families to keep food on the table while still  
15 paying the bills; and

16 WHEREAS, Food banks, food rescue organizations, soup  
17 kitchens, food pantries, faith-based organizations, businesses  
18 and individuals are donating time, raising funds and giving food  
19 to help their neighbors; and

20 WHEREAS, Individuals benefiting from the availability of  
21 donated food range from infants and toddlers, school-age  
22 children and adolescents to single mothers, single fathers, two-  
23 parent families, veterans and their families and seniors; and

24 WHEREAS, Research shows that preschool and school-age  
25 children who experience severe hunger have higher levels of  
26 chronic illness, anxiety and depression and behavioral problems  
27 than children with no hunger; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize  
29 September 2010 as "Hunger Action Month" in Pennsylvania.