
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 1 through 7, 2002, as "Long-Term
2 Care Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Federal Medicare program does not provide for
4 long-term care costs; and

5 WHEREAS, The Medicaid program, jointly funded by Federal and
6 state governments, only pays for long-term care after assets are
7 depleted; and

8 WHEREAS, The current cost of long-term care ranges from
9 \$22,000 to \$84,000 per year; and

10 WHEREAS, Those persons who have saved for retirement have, on
11 the average, saved only \$34,000; and

12 WHEREAS, Only a small percentage of the population can
13 accurately estimate the cost of long-term care; and

14 WHEREAS, Only about 8% of the population has long-term care
15 insurance; and

16 WHEREAS, Advocates for and providers of long-term care are

1 actively engaged in helping to educate the public on long-term
2 care using the theme "Conversation, Action, Reform and
3 Experiences" or "C.A.R.E."; and

4 WHEREAS, Recent studies have shown that there is reluctance
5 in families to discuss the need for long-term care services and
6 the wishes of the spouse, sibling or child who may need those
7 services; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of October 1
9 through 7, 2002, as "Long-Term Care Awareness Week" in
10 Pennsylvania and urge all citizens to learn about long-term care
11 options including the need for long-term care insurance; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate continue to address comprehensive
14 strategies for the delivery of accessible and adequately funded
15 programs for vulnerable citizens in need of long-term care and
16 services.