
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 686 Session of
2004

INTRODUCED BY SOLOBAY, ARMSTRONG, BAKER, BALDWIN, BARRAR,
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YUDICHAK, PISTELLA, RIEGER, ROONEY, RUBLEY, SANTONI,
E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, WASHINGTON, WEBER AND WOJNAROSKI,
APRIL 12, 2004

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 12, 2004

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May as "Foster Grandparent Program
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Foster Grandparent Program began on August 28,
4 1965, under the Office of Economic Opportunity; and

5 WHEREAS, The Foster Grandparent Program permits persons over
6 60 years of age with limited incomes to engage in
7 intergenerational volunteer service that meets critical
8 community needs; and

9 WHEREAS, The Foster Grandparent Program serves children under
10 21 years of age who have special requirements, including
11 children who are mentally or physically challenged, juvenile
12 delinquents and children who are abused, neglected, learning-

1 disabled or come from a low-income family background; and

2 WHEREAS, The Foster Grandparent Program enables participating
3 children to improve their physical, mental, emotional and social
4 development and attain educational goals through tutoring,
5 mentoring, counseling and other personal support services; and

6 WHEREAS, The Foster Grandparent Program greatly enriches the
7 lives of the children as well as the adult volunteers; and

8 WHEREAS, The Foster Grandparent Program has grown from a few
9 programs in several states to 385 programs in all 50 states, the
10 District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the
11 Virgin Islands; and

12 WHEREAS, The Foster Grandparent Program has over 30,000
13 volunteers and serves more than 275,000 children annually;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
16 commend the immeasurable contributions of the Foster Grandparent
17 Program and its volunteers in this Commonwealth; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
20 month of May as "Foster Grandparent Program Month" in
21 Pennsylvania.