

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Observing the week of November 22 through 28, 2009, as "National  
2 Family Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, As individuals, we find in our families a sense of  
4 identity, purpose and security; and

5 WHEREAS, As a Commonwealth, we find in our families the  
6 vision and strength we need to remain a truly free and just  
7 society; and

8 WHEREAS, Through our experiences as members of a family, we  
9 learn important lessons about love and faith, duty and fidelity,  
10 personal responsibility and concern for others; and

11 WHEREAS, Because these lessons are conveyed to the community  
12 at large and because the family gives us a model of human  
13 relationships after which all other social institutions are  
14 fashioned, the strength and integrity of the family are vital to  
15 our well-being as a nation and as a State; and

16 WHEREAS, Families are the fundamental cornerstone of human

1 society, providing models for caring from birth through the  
2 aging years and inspiring celebration and renewal; and

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is blessed with a multitude of  
4 families, which is an essential part of the cultural, social and  
5 spiritual fabric that is Pennsylvania; and

6 WHEREAS, Families need and deserve recognition, encouragement  
7 and support for the daily miracles they perform; and

8 WHEREAS, Everyone has a role to play in making families  
9 successful, including neighborhood organizations, businesses,  
10 nonprofit agencies, policymakers and, of course, families  
11 themselves; and

12 WHEREAS, The first "National Family Week" began in 1968 as a  
13 means to provide Americans with an opportunity to promote strong  
14 families; and

15 WHEREAS, Thanksgiving week is a traditional time to recognize  
16 the important role families play in strengthening our  
17 communities; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate observe the week of November 22  
19 through 28, 2009, as "National Family Week" in Pennsylvania and  
20 call upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private  
21 institutions and businesses to mark this week with appropriate  
22 ceremonies and programs in appreciation of our communities'  
23 families.