
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 831 Session of
2012

INTRODUCED BY STERN, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, BRADFORD, BROOKS,
CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CLYMER, COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, DALEY,
DIGIROLAMO, EVERETT, FLECK, FRANKEL, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GILLEN,
GILLESPIE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRELL, HARHAI,
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METZGAR, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MILNE, MURT, MUSTIO, OBERLANDER,
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ROCK, ROSS, SANTONI, SAYLOR, CULVER, SONNEY, STABACK, STURLA,
SWANGER, VEREB, WATERS, WATSON AND GEIST, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 15, 2012, as "White Cane Safety Day" in
2 Pennsylvania; the week of October 8 through 15, 2012, as
3 "White Cane Week" in Pennsylvania; and the month of October
4 2012 as "Blindness Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, The freedom to move from place to place at will and
6 without barriers is one of our most basic human rights, and for
7 people who are blind or visually impaired, the white cane helps
8 to make such freedom of movement possible; and

9 WHEREAS, The white cane demonstrates and symbolizes a blind
10 or visually impaired person's ability to achieve a full and
11 independent life and his capacity to work productively in
12 competitive employment; and

13 WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1910, the Pennsylvania
14 Association for the Blind and its member agencies have

1 tirelessly supported and promoted the interests of people who
2 are blind or visually impaired and provided essential services
3 to assist blind Pennsylvanians achieve self-reliance and
4 autonomy; and

5 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth supports the vitally important work
6 of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind as it enhances
7 public awareness about ways to prevent and treat blindness and
8 other serious vision impairments that are highlighted by events
9 each year during the month of October; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
11 15, 2012, as "White Cane Safety Day" in Pennsylvania; the week
12 of October 8 through 15, 2012, as "White Cane Week" in
13 Pennsylvania; and the month of October 2012 as "Blindness
14 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.