
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 435 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY WHEATLEY, BISHOP, BIZZARRO, BROWNLEE, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, COHEN, DAVIS, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, D. EVANS, EVERETT, FLECK, FRANKEL, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GRELL, HAGGERTY, HENNESSEY, KINSEY, KIRKLAND, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MCGEEHAN, MCNEILL, MENTZER, MILLARD, D. MILLER, R. MILLER, MIRABITO, MURT, O'BRIEN, PARKER, RAVENSTAHL, READSHAW, REED, ROCK, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHREIBER, SONNEY, VEREB, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD, QUINN, SCHLEGEL CULVER, GOODMAN AND DENLINGER, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2013 as "Hunger Action Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, September 2013 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 eight Pennsylvanians, hunger is a
8 reality; 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 2012, 14.5% of United States households were food
13 insecure (17.6 million households), meaning their access to
14 enough food is limited by a lack of money and other resources,

1 which remains at nearly the highest recorded prevalence rate of
2 food insecurity since 1995 when the first national food security
3 survey was conducted; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2012, nearly 1.6 million Pennsylvanians were food
5 insecure; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2011, 20% of Pennsylvania's children experienced
7 food insecurity; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
2 month of September 2013 as "Hunger Action Month" in
3 Pennsylvania.