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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2013 as "Assistive Technology  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians of all ages with disabilities may  
4 need assistive technology devices and services to live  
5 independently and productively, as well as to participate fully  
6 in the affairs of their communities; and

7 WHEREAS, Assistive technology devices and services allow  
8 people to work, attend school, play and live in the community of  
9 their choice; and

10 WHEREAS, An assistive technology device is any item, piece of  
11 equipment or product system, whether acquired commercially,  
12 modified or customized, that is used to increase, maintain or  
13 improve the functional capabilities of individuals with  
14 disabilities or older citizens; and

15 WHEREAS, Assistive technology services are defined as any  
16 service that directly assists an individual in the selection,  
17 acquisition or use of an assistive technology device; and

1       WHEREAS, Assistive technology devices and services are not  
2 luxury items, but necessities for people with disabilities and  
3 older citizens; and

4       WHEREAS, These tools empower people to control their lives  
5 and their futures; and

6       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is a leader in the development and  
7 implementation of assistive technology programs for its citizens  
8 with disabilities and older residents with limited functional  
9 capabilities; and

10       WHEREAS, Assistive technology services allow people to live  
11 independently and productively in the community of their choice,  
12 while enabling them to work, attend school and engage in hobbies  
13 and recreation; and

14       WHEREAS, During Assistive Technology Awareness Month,  
15 individuals may learn about the wide range of supportive  
16 devices, applications and programs that have become available in  
17 recent years as a result of modern technology; and

18       WHEREAS, The Institute on Disabilities at Temple University  
19 is one of several organizations that offer training to employers  
20 on the use of assistive technologies in the workplace so more  
21 positions can be made available to disabled persons; therefore  
22 be it

23       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of November  
24 2013 as "Assistive Technology Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.