
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 571 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY WATSON, TOOHL, BENNINGHOFF, PETRI, BAKER, BISHOP, BIZZARRO, BOBACK, BRADFORD, R. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, D. COSTA, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DAVIS, DEASY, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, DRISCOLL, DUSH, FARINA, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GROVE, HARHART, HEFFLEY, HELM, HENNESSEY, KAUFFMAN, KILLION, KIM, KINSEY, KIRKLAND, KLUNK, LEWIS, MACKENZIE, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MALONEY, MARSICO, MILLARD, MILNE, MURT, NEILSON, O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PICKETT, READSHAW, ROSS, SCHEMEL, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, SONNEY, TOEPEL, TOPPER, VEREB, WARD, WHEELAND, YOUNGBLOOD AND ZIMMERMAN, NOVEMBER 5, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 5, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2015 as "Adoption Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Every child deserves a loving, nurturing permanent
4 home where they can feel cared for, safe and supported; and

5 WHEREAS, The family is the foundation of any society and
6 children need permanent love, care and protection of a family to
7 grow into healthy and productive adults; and

8 WHEREAS, Adoption provides children with a lifetime of
9 emotional and legal connections to a family; and

10 WHEREAS, As of 2015, there were more than 2,500 children in
11 this Commonwealth waiting to be adopted; and

12 WHEREAS, For children waiting to be adopted in this
13 Commonwealth, the average length of stay in care is more than

1 three years; and

2 WHEREAS, Older children are not as likely to be adopted as
3 younger children; and

4 WHEREAS, The average age of Pennsylvania's adopted children
5 is about six years of age, with research showing that for youth
6 over nine years of age, the likelihood of being adopted
7 significantly drops; and

8 WHEREAS, The collaboration of both public and private
9 adoption agencies should be recognized for their commitment to
10 the needs of children throughout this Commonwealth; therefore be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
13 month of November 2015 as "Adoption Awareness Month" in
14 Pennsylvania.