## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

<sub>No.</sub> 977

Session of 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

## A RESOLUTION

- Recognizing September 11, 2016, as "National Grandparents Day" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, The first Sunday after Labor Day is annually
- 4 recognized as "National Grandparents Day" in the interest of
- 5 strengthening family bonds, honoring family history and
- 6 encouraging visits to older relatives who require long-term care
- 7 or in-home care; and
- 8 WHEREAS, As part of "National Grandparents Day" observances,
- 9 children and youths in participating communities are invited to
- 10 join in the Forget-Me-Not visitation program that pairs young
- 11 volunteers with older adults; and
- 12 WHEREAS, The proclamation setting aside the first observance
- 13 of "National Grandparents Day" in the late 1970s noted that
- 14 grandparents and persons who function as surrogate grandparents
- 15 are our link to the near past who connect generations and who

- 1 "can often reach out past pride and fear of failure"; and
- 2 WHEREAS, The 2015 proclamation characterizes grandparents as
- 3 "loving pillars of comfort and support" as well as "quiet heroes
- 4 in every corner of our country"; therefore be it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
- 6 September 11, 2016, as "National Grandparents Day" in
- 7 Pennsylvania.