
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 278 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY KINSEY, FREEMAN, HENNESSEY, CALTAGIRONE, MURT, BIZZARRO, LONGIETTI, DRISCOLL, READSHAW, J. HARRIS, TOOHL, QUIGLEY, R. BROWN, SCHLOSSBERG, DAVIS, DIGIROLAMO, THOMAS, WHEATLEY, MACKENZIE, YOUNGBLOOD, McNEILL, V. BROWN, WATSON, ROZZI, DUSH, SONNEY, MENTZER, MILLARD, WARD, D. COSTA, KULIK, O'NEILL, HILL-EVANS, NEILSON, MARSICO, ROEBUCK, GOODMAN, WARREN AND GILLEN, APRIL 24, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 24, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2017 as "Community Service
2 Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Community service and civic pride are core
4 principles of this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, Each year, Pennsylvanians donate millions of dollars
6 and volunteer hours to foundations and nonprofit corporations in
7 order to better our communities and this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, The Department of State has registered 12,208
9 charities in this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the Corporation for National and
11 Community Service, in 2015-2016 more than 15,000 Pennsylvanians
12 of all ages engaged in informal volunteering, including helping
13 a neighbor or assisting a senior citizen; and

14 WHEREAS, According to the Corporation for National and
15 Community Service, more than a quarter of Americans volunteered

1 last year, serving approximately 7.8 billion hours; and

2 WHEREAS, Based on current labor rates, that is an estimated
3 contribution of \$184 billion dollars in service; and

4 WHEREAS, PennSERVE is an umbrella agency under the
5 Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry that helps promote
6 community service initiatives throughout this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, The mission of PennSERVE is "to encourage, develop
8 and facilitate volunteer and citizen community service which
9 builds upon the talents, strengths, opportunities and challenges
10 of people and communities in ways which enhance the quality of
11 life for all citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania"; and

12 WHEREAS, These volunteers are meeting the needs of their
13 local communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Every volunteer in this Commonwealth deserves thanks
15 and recognition for their contributions; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
17 month of April 2017 as "Community Service Appreciation Month" in
18 Pennsylvania and congratulate all Pennsylvanians on their
19 participation in all forms of community service or volunteerism.