
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 496 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY STURLA, LONGIETTI, BIZZARRO, DEAN, O'BRIEN,
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SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of September 24 through 30, 2017, as
2 "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week" in
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The literacy of the residents of Pennsylvania is
5 essential for their economic well-being and for the prosperity
6 of this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Without literacy skills, an individual's ability to
8 complete high school or an equivalency program, continue onto a
9 postsecondary degree or complete a job training program is
10 negatively impacted; and

11 WHEREAS, A lack of literacy skills increases an individual's
12 chances of encountering unemployment or underemployment, which
13 may impede the individual's ability to provide for his or her
14 family; and

15 WHEREAS, Literacy among adults is key to ensuring the
16 educational success of future generations, with research showing

1 that reading to children by adults has a direct impact on
2 children's academic achievement; and

3 WHEREAS, According to the National Center for Education
4 Statistics, approximately 13% of adults in Pennsylvania lack the
5 basic reading and math skills to read and follow medical
6 instructions, placing the health of affected individuals and
7 their families at risk; and

8 WHEREAS, "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week"
9 highlights the need for the nation to support efforts to ensure
10 that everyone has the necessary literacy skills to succeed at
11 home, at work and in society; and

12 WHEREAS, "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week"
13 is being celebrated from September 24 through 30, 2017;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
16 week of September 24 through 30, 2017, as "National Adult
17 Education and Family Literacy Week" in Pennsylvania.