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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 970 Session of  
2018

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INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, HENNESSEY, NEILSON, BIZZARRO, HILL-EVANS, TOOHIL, BURNS, J. McNEILL, DIGIROLAMO, MACKENZIE, PASHINSKI, CALTAGIRONE, MILLARD, DUSH, SONNEY, KINSEY, DAVIS, PEIFER, LONGIETTI, RYAN, YOUNGBLOOD, SAYLOR, R. BROWN, B. O'NEILL, READSHAW, HELM, STURLA, B. MILLER, DeLUCA, SCHLOSSBERG, MARSICO, EVERETT, KAUFER, DEASY, MENTZER, WARD, DRISCOLL, SAMUELSON, OBERLANDER, PICKETT, MURT, ROEBUCK, GOODMAN AND WATSON, JUNE 8, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 8, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 15, 2018, as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Older Pennsylvanians should be recognized as a  
4 valuable resource to this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, No one is immune to the threat of elder abuse; and

6 WHEREAS, It is an obligation of all residents to protect the  
7 health, safety and welfare of this Commonwealth's elder  
8 residents; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth received more than 28,600 reports  
10 of elder abuse in 2017 and it is estimated that only one in five  
11 cases of abuse is reported; and

12 WHEREAS, The act of November 6, 1987 (P.L.381, No.79), known  
13 as the Older Adult Protective Services Act, requires that older  
14 adults who lack the capacity to protect themselves shall have

1 access to and be provided with services necessary to protect  
2 their health, safety and welfare; and

3 WHEREAS, A partnership exists between the Department of  
4 Aging, the Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies on Aging,  
5 the Institute on Protective Services at Temple University,  
6 district attorneys, county elder abuse task forces and State and  
7 local law enforcement to investigate every allegation of elder  
8 abuse; and

9 WHEREAS, It is necessary to increase awareness of the  
10 incidents of elder abuse and to educate people about the methods  
11 to report suspected cases of abuse; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June  
13 15, 2018, as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania; and be  
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the  
16 residents of this Commonwealth to increase awareness every day  
17 about elder abuse and the resources in place to prevent elder  
18 abuse from occurring.