
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1131 Session of
2018

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EVANS, OCTOBER 5, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 5, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2018 as "National Disability
2 Employment Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Disability Employment Awareness Month"
4 (NDEAM) is observed in October each year; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
6 Prevention, 21.1% of adult Pennsylvanians have some type of
7 disability; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2017, the unemployment rate for persons with a
9 disability was 9.2%, more than twice the rate of those with no
10 disability, which was 4.2%; and

11 WHEREAS, NDEAM is a nationwide campaign that raises awareness
12 about disability employment issues and honors the many
13 contributions of America's workers with disabilities; and

14 WHEREAS, NDEAM traces its history to 1945, when the Congress
15 of the United States declared the first week in October each
16 year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week"; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to
2 acknowledge the needs and contributions of individuals with all
3 types of disabilities; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1988, the Congress of the United States expanded
5 the week to a month and adopted its current name; and

6 WHEREAS, The theme for this year, which marks 73 years since
7 the first observance of NDEAM, is "America's Workforce:
8 Empowering All"; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
10 month of October 2018 as "National Disability Employment
11 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.