
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 376 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY HAYWOOD, DINNIMAN, STREET, FONTANA AND FARNESE,
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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JUNE 11, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 2, 2018, as "Gun Violence Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania in recognition of this public safety and public
3 health issue and in commemoration of the lives lost to gun
4 violence in this Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, Gun violence is a national, state and local problem
6 affecting Americans in cities, suburbs and rural communities;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, An average of 96 Americans are killed with firearms
9 every day, and seven of those killed each day are children; and

10 WHEREAS, The number of firearm-related deaths per year in
11 this Commonwealth exceeds the number of motor vehicle-related
12 deaths per year in this Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
14 reports that this Commonwealth experienced the fourth-highest
15 firearm-related death rate in the country during the first
16 decade of the 21st century; and

17 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, an individual is killed with a
18 firearm every six hours; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2016, 1,485 Pennsylvanians died from firearm-

1 related homicides, suicides and accidental discharges; and

2 WHEREAS, More than 60% of Americans killed by a firearm are a
3 result of suicide; and

4 WHEREAS, Suicide attempts by firearms end fatally 91% of the
5 time, higher than all other methods of suicide; and

6 WHEREAS, The Center for American Progress found that women
7 who are victims of domestic violence are at a greater risk of
8 serious injury when firearms are readily accessible to their
9 abusers; and

10 WHEREAS, This year, "National Gun Violence Awareness Day" is
11 being observed June 2, 2018; and

12 WHEREAS, "Gun Violence Awareness Day" is a nationwide and
13 Statewide occasion to recognize the impact of gun violence;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate June 2, 2018, as "Gun
16 Violence Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania in recognition of this
17 public safety and public health issue and in commemoration of
18 the lives lost to gun violence in this Commonwealth.