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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 400 Session of  
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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 28,633 reports  
10 of elder abuse in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, and it is estimated  
11 that only one in five cases of abuse is reported; and

12 WHEREAS, The act of November 6, 1987 (P.L.381, No.79), known  
13 as the Older Adults Protective Services Act, requires that older  
14 adults who lack the capacity to protect themselves shall have  
15 access to and be provided with services necessary to protect  
16 their health, safety and welfare; and

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

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

10      RESOLVED, That the Senate designate June 15, 2018, as "Elder  
11 Abuse Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania and strive to increase  
12 awareness every day about elder abuse and the resources in place  
13 to prevent it from occurring.