
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 6, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 11, 2019, as "PA 2-1-1 Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 is a free service available to 97% of
4 residents of this Commonwealth to gain support needed through
5 health and human services; and

6 WHEREAS, Thousands of people across the United States and
7 Canada turn to 2-1-1 for free, confidential referrals and
8 information every day; and

9 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 connects Pennsylvanians in need of health and
10 human services assistance available through government programs
11 and private and nonprofit organizations in their communities;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 has the potential to provide assistance to
14 communities in the time of a disaster; and

15 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 connects volunteers and donors with
16 organizations that can leverage resources to meet the needs of

1 the community; and

2 WHEREAS, 2-1-1 collects data about information and referral
3 requests which can be used to inform State and local government
4 as well as community service organizations in assessing needs
5 and planning services; and

6 WHEREAS, The 2-1-1 system offers a stable Statewide
7 infrastructure that can be used in a broad variety of ways to
8 streamline and enhance the work of State government; and

9 WHEREAS, The 2-1-1 system eases the burden on Commonwealth
10 departments by helping to reduce the number of misdirected
11 calls; and

12 WHEREAS, PA 2-1-1 is the nonprofit organization assigned use
13 of the 2-1-1 dialing code by the Pennsylvania Public Utility
14 Commission in order to provide community service information and
15 referral, as currently accomplished through seven regional
16 programs; and

17 WHEREAS, The United Ways in this Commonwealth deserve
18 recognition for their role in raising the funds needed to
19 provide the PA 2-1-1 system to residents in this Commonwealth;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the General
22 Assembly deserve recognition for a second-time investment of
23 \$750,000 to the PA 2-1-1 system to provide Pennsylvanians the
24 resources needed for health and human services information and
25 referrals; and

26 WHEREAS, PA 2-1-1 will have Statewide coverage, providing
27 assistance to 100% of Pennsylvanians, by the end of 2019;
28 therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
30 February 11, 2019, as "PA 2-1-1 Day" in Pennsylvania.