
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 321 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY MURT, BIZZARRO, KORTZ, DONATUCCI, RYAN, SCHMITT,
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MAY 7, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 7, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2019 as "Dementia Awareness Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, A growing number of Pennsylvanians are facing the
4 challenge of living with various forms of dementia; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's families who have loved ones with
6 dementia are to be recognized for the courage, dedication and
7 sacrifices they make in providing care; and

8 WHEREAS, Many residents throughout the Commonwealth are
9 professional caregivers who provide an important and difficult
10 service for those they assist and the caregivers should be
11 recognized for their hard work; and

12 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has a growing older population that
13 is more likely to need assistance from neighbors, good
14 samaritans and first responders due to dementia and who are at
15 risk for elopement; and

16 WHEREAS, The health and safety of Pennsylvanians living with
17 dementia is of the utmost importance; and

1 WHEREAS, The Dementia Society of America has created
2 Operation Keepsafe which provides basic education and low or no
3 cost kits containing an identification bracelet, wallet card,
4 identification stickers, instructions and helpful information;
5 therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
7 month of May 2019 as "Dementia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania;
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge local
10 communities to adopt the Operation Keepsafe program to help keep
11 vulnerable Pennsylvanians safe and assist the families and
12 caregivers who aid those with dementia.