
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 383 Session of
2019

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 15, 2019, 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 citizens to protect the
7 health, safety and welfare of this Commonwealth's elderly
8 residents; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth received more than 32,000 reports
10 of elder abuse in fiscal year 2017-2018, 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 have access
15 to and be provided with services necessary to protect their

1 health, safety and welfare; and

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

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

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June
11 15, 2019, as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania and
12 strive to increase awareness every day about elder abuse and the
13 resources in place to prevent it from occurring.