
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 451 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY STURLA, SCHLEGEL CULVER, SCHWEYER, BIZZARRO,
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YOUNGBLOOD, MENTZER, PASHINSKI, McCLINTON, KINSEY, NEILSON,
CALTAGIRONE, B. MILLER, CONKLIN, READSHAW, SAYLOR, DAWKINS
AND SAINATO, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of September 22 through 28, 2019, as
2 "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week" in
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The literacy of the residents of Pennsylvania is
5 essential for their economic well-being and for the prosperity
6 of this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Without literacy skills, an individual's ability to
8 complete high school or an equivalency program, continue on to a
9 postsecondary degree or complete a job training program is
10 negatively impacted; and

11 WHEREAS, A lack of literacy skills increases the chance of
12 unemployment or underemployment, potentially impeding an
13 individual's ability to provide for his or her family; and

14 WHEREAS, Literacy among adults is key to ensuring the
15 educational success of future generations, with research showing
16 that reading to children by adults has a direct impact on

1 children's academic achievement; and

2 WHEREAS, According to the National Center for Education
3 Statistics, approximately 13% of adults in Pennsylvania lack the
4 basic literacy skills to read and follow medical instructions,
5 placing the health of affected individuals and their families at
6 risk; and

7 WHEREAS, "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week"
8 highlights the need to support literacy initiatives and ensure
9 that everyone has the necessary literacy skills to succeed at
10 home, at work and in society; and

11 WHEREAS, "National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week"
12 is being celebrated from September 22 through 28, 2019;
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
15 week of September 22 through 28, 2019, as "National Adult
16 Education and Family Literacy Week" in Pennsylvania.