
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 532 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY MURT, HILL-EVANS, DIGIROLAMO, HENNESSEY, SCHMITT,
LONGIETTI, KORTZ, BURNS, ZABEL, PICKETT, RYAN, BOBACK,
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MADDEN, STURLA, SAYLOR, McNEILL, MALAGARI, O'MARA, MOUL,
JOHNSON-HARRELL, WARREN AND GALLOWAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2019 as "Blindness Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More than 25 million Americans report experiencing
4 significant vision loss, including approximately 6.5 million
5 seniors 65 years of age or older; and

6 WHEREAS, The leading cause of vision impairment for
7 individuals over 50 years of age is age-related macular
8 degeneration, with approximately 15 million Americans affected
9 and 200,000 new cases reported annually; and

10 WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1910, the Pennsylvania
11 Association for the Blind and its member agencies have
12 tirelessly supported and promoted the interests of individuals
13 who are blind or visually impaired and provided essential
14 services to assist blind Pennsylvanians in achieving self-
15 reliance and autonomy; and

1 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth supports the vitally important work
2 of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind as they enhance
3 public awareness on the prevention and treatment of blindness
4 and other serious vision impairments which are highlighted
5 during events throughout the month of October each year;
6 therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
8 month of October 2019 as "Blindness Awareness Month" in
9 Pennsylvania; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
11 need to educate residents about the prevention and treatment of
12 blindness.