
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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OCTOBER 21, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 21, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 25, 2019, as "Elimination of Violence
2 Against Women Day" in Pennsylvania to coincide with the
3 United Nations' "International Day for the Elimination of
4 Violence Against Women."

5 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives acknowledges the
6 global, State and local imperative to prevent and end gender-
7 based discrimination and violence; and

8 WHEREAS, Violence affecting one in three women globally is
9 one of the main mechanisms denying equality; and

10 WHEREAS, Violence against women includes acts that can cause
11 physical, sexual or psychological harm in public or private
12 life; and

13 WHEREAS, In its various forms, violence against women
14 fractures families and communities and impacts progress toward
15 poverty reduction, peace and security; and

16 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the United Nations

1 recognizes numerous international frameworks and instruments
2 defining the obligation of member states to prevent and respond
3 to violence against women; and

4 WHEREAS, Former United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
5 noted that sustainable development goals are not achieved
6 without addressing the rights of women in law and in practice;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, November 25 has been designated and is annually
9 observed as the date for the international observance; and

10 WHEREAS, This date commemorates the 1960 assassination of
11 Patria, Minerva and Maria Teresa Mirabal from the Dominican
12 Republic during the Rafael Trujillo dictatorship; and

13 WHEREAS, The Mirabal sisters have come to symbolize popular
14 resistance against the victimization of women; and

15 WHEREAS, The Office on Women's Health of the United States
16 Department of Health and Human Services works with other
17 Federal, State and local agencies to stop violence against women
18 and girls; and

19 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
20 and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape advocate for the
21 rights and needs of female victims of violence and work to break
22 cycles of violence in this Commonwealth; and

23 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives reaffirms its
24 commitment to protect women affected by violence and to prevent
25 acts of discrimination and violence against women; therefore be
26 it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
28 November 25, 2019, as "Elimination of Violence Against Women
29 Day" in Pennsylvania to coincide with the United Nations'
30 "International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against

1 Women."