
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 600 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY LEWIS, RYAN, BIZZARRO, YOUNGBLOOD, HENNESSEY, PICKETT, SCHLOSSBERG, LONGIETTI, KORTZ, MIHALEK, JONES, HICKERNELL, READSHAW, BURNS, MENTZER, ZIMMERMAN, SCHMITT, MURT, ROTHMAN, DIGIROLAMO, MILLARD, POLINCHOCK, HILL-EVANS, STAATS, MACKENZIE, BERNSTINE, B. MILLER, OWLETT, CALTAGIRONE, KIM, ROEBUCK, SCHWEYER, MOUL, JOHNSON-HARRELL, GILLEN AND SCHLEGEL CULVER, OCTOBER 30, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, OCTOBER 30, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2019 as "Long-Term Care
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and urging all
3 Pennsylvanians to examine their long-term care needs.

4 WHEREAS, Approximately 70% of individuals who are 65 years of
5 age or older will require some type of long-term care service
6 during their lifetime, and more than 40% will need care in a
7 nursing home for some period of time; and

8 WHEREAS, This year, approximately 9 million Americans who are
9 65 years of age or older will need long-term care services, and
10 by 2020 that number will increase to 12 million; and

11 WHEREAS, While most people who need long-term care are 65
12 years of age or older, nearly 40% of people currently receiving
13 long-term care are adults between 18 and 65 years of age; and

14 WHEREAS, Many of those people may be unfamiliar with the
15 limits on the long-term care benefits offered by Medicare and

1 private insurance providers; and

2 WHEREAS, Based on the most recent national average, one year
3 of care in a nursing home costs more than \$100,000 for a
4 semiprivate room; and

5 WHEREAS, One year of care at home, assuming the need for
6 periodic personal care help from a home health aide, would cost
7 nearly \$48,000 a year; and

8 WHEREAS, On average, an individual who is 65 years of age
9 will need some long-term care services for three years; and

10 WHEREAS, Service and support needs vary from one individual
11 to the next and can change over time; and

12 WHEREAS, Women often need care for longer periods of time
13 than men; and

14 WHEREAS, While approximately one-third of individuals who are
15 65 years of age may never need long-term care services, 20% will
16 need care for more than five years; and

17 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has the third-oldest population in
18 the nation and the population of individuals who are 85 years of
19 age or older is quickly increasing; and

20 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth currently spends approximately \$7.5
21 billion annually for long-term care services and this amount
22 will continue to increase as the elderly population grows;
23 therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
25 month of November 2019 as "Long-Term Care Awareness Month" in
26 Pennsylvania and urge all Pennsylvanians to examine their long-
27 term care needs.