

---

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

---

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 649 Session of  
2020

---

INTRODUCED BY MACKENZIE, BERNSTINE, BIZZARRO, BOBACK, BURNS,  
DONATUCCI, HILL-EVANS, JAMES, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, McNEILL,  
MILLARD, B. MILLER, MURT, NEILSON, PICKETT, READSHAW, RYAN,  
SCHMITT, SONNEY, STAATS, YOUNGBLOOD AND WHEELAND,  
JANUARY 2, 2020

---

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, JANUARY 2, 2020

---

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of January 27 through 31, 2020, as "Tax  
2 Identity Theft Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Tax-related identity theft was the second most  
4 common form of identity theft reported to the Federal Trade  
5 Commission in 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the Internal Revenue Service, more than  
7 300,000 American taxpayers had their tax return details stolen  
8 as a result of the 2015 security breach; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the Internal Revenue Service,  
10 approximately \$1.6 billion in fraudulent tax refunds were paid  
11 in 2016 related to identity theft; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Trade Commission, tax  
13 refund fraud is one of the largest and fastest growing identity  
14 theft categories; and

15 WHEREAS, Approximately 5,000 victims have paid more than  
16 \$26.5 million to scammers who pose as IRS agents according to

1 the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; therefore

2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the

4 week of January 27 through 31, 2020, as "Tax Identity Theft

5 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.