
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BULLOCK, KORTZ, SOLOMON, BURGOS, GALLOWAY,
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POLINCHOCK, MURT, WILLIAMS, MILLARD, ULLMAN, KINSEY, SAPPEY,
RAVENSTAHL, KIM, SCHLOSSBERG, MALAGARI, HOHENSTEIN, READSHAW,
ROEBUCK, NEILSON, CONKLIN AND ROZZI, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON URBAN AFFAIRS, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 3 through 9, 2020, as "Affordable
2 Housing Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Affordable Housing Week" is dedicated to increasing
4 the availability of affordable housing and aiding all
5 Pennsylvanians in finding a safe and economical place to live;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, According to the United States Census Bureau, home
8 ownership rates are still below those recorded prior to the 2008
9 recession; and

10 WHEREAS, Too many Pennsylvanians with extremely low incomes
11 are burdened by rent and experience housing insecurity; and

12 WHEREAS, Housing is considered affordable if monthly housing
13 costs do not exceed 30% of household income; and

14 WHEREAS, Nearly half of all Pennsylvanians spend more than
15 30% of their income on rent and utilities combined; and

16 WHEREAS, Affordable housing is critical for helping

1 Pennsylvania families reach their full potential; and

2 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency plays a
3 vital role in this Commonwealth by leading the development of
4 affordable rental housing and providing mortgage products for
5 low-income and moderate-income families prepared for the
6 responsibilities of home ownership; and

7 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency is
8 presenting a biannual Housing Forum in May 2021, bringing
9 together nearly 700 of Pennsylvania's most influential housing
10 leaders to address future affordable housing inventory; and

11 WHEREAS, Assuring the availability of affordable housing
12 helps families stay together, supports vital, stable communities
13 and provides economic stimulus benefiting communities and the
14 greater Commonwealth; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
16 week of May 3 through 9, 2020, as "Affordable Housing Week" in
17 Pennsylvania.