
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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DeLUCA AND NEILSON, MARCH 13, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, MARCH 13, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh
2 and its renovated facility which provides a safe and
3 accessible environment for residents and clients.

4 WHEREAS, On May 5, 1974, the Women's Center & Shelter of
5 Greater Pittsburgh was created to become one of the first
6 shelters for survivors of domestic violence in the United
7 States; and

8 WHEREAS, Through its programs and services, the Women's
9 Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh employs more than 80
10 staff members and assists 8,000 adults and children every year;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh
13 houses 500 individuals in its emergency shelter each year; and

14 WHEREAS, Services offered by the Women's Center & Shelter of
15 Greater Pittsburgh include support groups, individual therapy,
16 hotline counseling, referrals to resources, civil legal
17 representation, assistance in navigating the court and medical

1 systems and children's services; and

2 WHEREAS, The Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh
3 offers aid to adult immigrants and women who speak English as a
4 second language; and

5 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Women's Center & Shelter of
6 Greater Pittsburgh has provided several shelters as its clients'
7 needs grew and expanded; and

8 WHEREAS, From summer 2016 to spring 2019, the Women's Center
9 & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh underwent a full renovation to
10 provide additional security features and improve functionality
11 and comfort for adults and children; and

12 WHEREAS, The Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh
13 creates a safe space for healing and promotes the forward
14 movement of its clients; and

15 WHEREAS, The architectural firm Rothschild Doyno
16 Collaborative assisted the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater
17 Pittsburgh in its journey to better meet the needs of its
18 residents and clients; and

19 WHEREAS, The American Institute of Architects Pittsburgh
20 Chapter granted the 2019 Design Pittsburgh award in Social
21 Equity in Design to Rothschild Doyno Collaborative for the
22 renovated Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh
23 facility; and

24 WHEREAS, The Design Pittsburgh jury noted that the Rothschild
25 Doyno Collaborative and the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater
26 Pittsburgh successfully created a sanctuary for clients by
27 establishing a shelter environment that emphasizes safety and
28 builds trust while ensuring accessibility for a wide range of
29 needs; and

30 WHEREAS, The partnership of the Women's Center & Shelter of

1 Greater Pittsburgh and Rothschild Doyno Collaborative are
2 committed to assisting victims of domestic violence and their
3 children; and

4 WHEREAS, Hard work and dedication to the organization's
5 objectives created a shelter for its residents and other clients
6 who describe the facility as their home; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
8 Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh and its renovated
9 facility which provides a safe and accessible environment for
10 residents and clients.