
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of June 2019 as "Reentry Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Reentry initiatives aim to positively change inmate
4 behavior starting at reception through release to community
5 supervision to reduce recidivism and victimization while
6 promoting public safety; and

7 WHEREAS, The Department of Corrections of the Commonwealth
8 releases more than 20,000 inmates per year to communities all
9 across Pennsylvania; and

10 WHEREAS, Approximately 40% of inmates released from the
11 Department of Corrections will be rearrested or reincarcerated
12 within one year of release from prison and 62% will be
13 rearrested or reincarcerated within three years of release from
14 prison; and

15 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth recognizes the importance of
16 establishing effective reentry strategies through collaboration
17 with State and county agencies, citizens, community service

1 providers and social service advocates to efficiently use and
2 streamline resources; and

3 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth offers multiple vocational
4 education programs at all State correctional institutions in an
5 effort to prepare inmates for the workforce upon release; and

6 WHEREAS, High recidivism rates carry heavy consequences for
7 the individuals, families and communities most directly
8 impacted; and

9 WHEREAS, It costs nearly 18 times more to keep a person in
10 prison for a year than under community supervision for a year;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, A consensus is building in this Commonwealth to
13 create better opportunities for returning citizens to fully
14 reintegrate into their communities; and

15 WHEREAS, Reentry advocates support the recognition of June as
16 "Reentry Month" in Pennsylvania, as a time to remind us that
17 returning residents should always be afforded the full rights of
18 a resident; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of June 2019 as
20 "Reentry Month" in Pennsylvania.