
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY HAYWOOD, HUGHES, MUTH, STREET, LEACH, FONTANA,
SANTARSIERO, DINNIMAN, BOSCOLA, IOVINO, TARTAGLIONE,
L. WILLIAMS, KEARNEY, SCHWANK AND BLAKE, FEBRUARY 4, 2020

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 4, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of February 1 through 8, 2020, as "Gun
2 Violence Survivors Week" in Pennsylvania and recognizing Moms
3 Demand Action and other gun violence prevention organizations
4 for their efforts in addressing gun violence and pursuit of
5 building safer communities for the citizens of this
6 Commonwealth and country.

7 WHEREAS, Every year, more than 36,000 Americans are killed as
8 a result of gun violence and 73,000 more are shot and wounded;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, More than 1,600 Pennsylvanians are killed and many
11 more injured as a result of gun violence each year; and

12 WHEREAS, A gun violence survivor is anyone who has personally
13 experienced gun violence, whether as a witness of an act of gun
14 violence, someone who was threatened or wounded with a gun or as
15 a family member or friend of someone who was wounded or killed
16 as a result of gun violence; and

17 WHEREAS, Forms of gun violence can include, but are not
18 limited to, gun suicides, gun homicides, domestic violence
19 involving a gun, mass shootings and unintentional shootings; and

1 WHEREAS, Fifty eight percent of American adults or someone
2 they care for has experienced gun violence in their lifetime,
3 demonstrating the reach and impact gun violence has in all
4 communities; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to the devastating human cost, every
6 year gun violence costs the American economy \$229 billion; and

7 WHEREAS, The week of February 1 through February 8, 2020, is
8 a symbolic choice for "Gun Violence Survivors Week" because it
9 represents the time by early February when more Americans are
10 killed with guns than are killed in other high-income countries
11 in an entire year; and

12 WHEREAS, Moms Demand Action started as a community of moms
13 and dads working together to address gun violence in response to
14 the Sandy Hook tragedy that occurred in Connecticut on December
15 14, 2012; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, Moms Demand Action is a national network of
17 parents, families, students and concerned citizens dedicated to
18 keeping families safe, encouraging responsible gun ownership and
19 advocating for common-sense gun safety legislation; and

20 WHEREAS, Moms Demand Action, along with Mayors Against
21 Illegal Guns, Students Demand Action and the Everytown Survivor
22 Network, is part of Everytown for Gun Safety, the largest gun
23 violence prevention organization in the country, with nearly 6
24 million supporters and 350,000 donors; and

25 WHEREAS, Everytown for Gun Safety is joined by several other
26 national nonprofit organizations, including the Brady Campaign
27 and Giffords Law Center, in the pursuit to end gun violence in
28 America; and

29 WHEREAS, By recognizing "Gun Violence Survivors Week" the
30 Commonwealth joins communities across America to raise awareness

1 about gun violence and honor the lives lost; therefore be it
2 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of February 1
3 through 8, 2020, as "Gun Violence Survivors Week" in
4 Pennsylvania and recognize Moms Demand Action and other gun
5 violence prevention organizations for their efforts in
6 addressing gun violence and pursuit of building safer
7 communities for the citizens of this Commonwealth and country.