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INTRODUCED BY HANBIDGE, VITALI, KINSEY, MADDEN, SAPPEY, McNEILL, HILL-EVANS, CONKLIN, T. DAVIS, SCHLOSSBERG, SANCHEZ, GUENST, HOWARD, M. JONES AND FREEMAN, APRIL 17, 2023

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 5, 2023

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of December ~~2022~~ 2023 as "National Giving <--
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Robust donation and service to charities, social
4 causes and those in need strengthens social bonds and is an
5 important part of a healthy and just community, state, country
6 and world; and

7 WHEREAS, Various charitable endeavors within civil society
8 have given way to great alleviation in human suffering; and

9 WHEREAS, These successes include the soon expected
10 eradication of Guinea worm disease, from 3.5 million cases in
11 1985 to nine cases today, as well as funding the creation of the
12 polio vaccine to bring to heel a disease that once afflicted
13 countless people; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2021, Americans donated a record \$410.2 billion
15 to charity; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to helping the beneficiaries of
17 charitable giving, charitable giving has positive impacts on the

1 donors; and

2 WHEREAS, A University of Oregon study showed that people
3 activated the pleasure centers of their brains when they choose
4 to donate their time or money to charity; and

5 WHEREAS, A 2013 study demonstrated lower risk of high blood
6 pressure for those who donate their time or money to charity;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Those who donate money to charity, even in small
9 sums, feel wealthier; and

10 WHEREAS, When parents donate to charity, their children are
11 more likely to be generous; and

12 WHEREAS, Participating in gift drives and other charitable
13 endeavors during the holidays are a great way to get into the
14 spirit of the holiday season; and

15 WHEREAS, On average, about a third of all charitable giving
16 occurs in December and a tenth of all charitable giving occurs
17 in the last three days of December; and

18 WHEREAS, "National Giving Month" is a nationwide campaign to
19 officially recognize December as a month for charity and
20 generosity; and

21 WHEREAS, Thousands of supporters across the country,
22 including in Pennsylvania, have signed a petition urging the
23 Congress of the United States to acknowledge December as
24 "National Giving Month"; and

25 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania can lead the way in this noble cause;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of Pennsylvania to have a
28 strong and robust tradition of charitable giving, especially
29 over the holiday season; and

30 WHEREAS, Acknowledging those who give to charity and

1 celebrating the spirit of generosity encourages others to give;
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
4 recognize the month of December ~~2022~~ 2023 as "National Giving <--
5 Month" in Pennsylvania.