
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AND WHITE, JUNE 10, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 10, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 15, 2015, as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Older Pennsylvanians should be recognized as a
4 valuable resource to this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, No one is immune to the threat of elder abuse; and

6 WHEREAS, It is an obligation of all residents to protect the
7 health, safety and welfare of this Commonwealth's elder
8 residents; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth received more than 20,800 reports
10 of elder abuse in 2014, and it is estimated that only one in
11 five cases of abuse is reported; and

12 WHEREAS, The Department of Aging has declared the theme of
13 this year's "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" as One Person, One

1 Action, One Nation: United Against Elder Abuse; and

2 WHEREAS, The act of November 6, 1987 (P.L.381, No.79), known
3 as the Older Adults Protective Services Act, requires that older
4 adults who lack the capacity to protect themselves shall have
5 access to and be provided with services necessary to protect
6 their health, safety and welfare; and

7 WHEREAS, A partnership exists between the Department of
8 Aging, the Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies on Aging,
9 the Temple Institute on Protective Services, district attorneys,
10 county elder abuse task forces and State and local law
11 enforcement to investigate every allegation of elder abuse; and

12 WHEREAS, It is necessary to increase awareness of the
13 incidents of elder abuse and to educate people about the methods
14 to report suspected cases of abuse; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June
16 15, 2015, as "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania and
17 strive to increase awareness every day about elder abuse and the
18 resources in place to prevent it from occurring.