
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SOLOMON, WARREN, KRUEGER-BRANEKY AND LONGIETTI,
MARCH 22, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 22, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 22, 2017, as "March for Meals Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Hunger among senior citizens in America is a serious
4 and pervasive problem, with one in six seniors threatened by
5 hunger; and

6 WHEREAS, Research indicates that 10.2 million seniors across
7 the country, and nearly 320,000 seniors in Pennsylvania, face
8 the threat of hunger; and

9 WHEREAS, Currently, 15.7 million seniors across the country,
10 and nearly 740,000 seniors in Pennsylvania, are isolated and
11 living alone; and

12 WHEREAS, Currently, 18.7 million seniors across the country,
13 and nearly 812,000 seniors in Pennsylvania, have difficulty
14 paying for basic living needs; and

1 WHEREAS, The senior population in the United States, and in
2 this Commonwealth, is projected to double by 2050; and

3 WHEREAS, The Meals on Wheels Association of America (MOWAA)
4 annually sponsors the March for Meals campaign, which is
5 designed to raise awareness of senior hunger and encourage
6 action at the local level; and

7 WHEREAS, Senior nutrition programs across the United States
8 promote March for Meals in their communities through public
9 events, volunteer recruitment efforts, partnerships with local
10 businesses and fundraising initiatives; and

11 WHEREAS, MOWAA is the oldest and largest national
12 organization supporting the more than 5,000 community-based
13 programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing
14 senior isolation and hunger; and

15 WHEREAS, MOWAA coalesces the resources of the Federal and
16 state governments, local community organizations and businesses,
17 donors and 2 million volunteers into a national safety net for
18 Americans who are 60 years of age or older; and

19 WHEREAS, For millions of Americans, including more than
20 100,000 Pennsylvanians, MOWAA enables seniors to remain more
21 healthy and independent, saving billions of dollars in health
22 care costs and allowing seniors to remain in their own homes
23 rather than relocating to a nursing facility; and

24 WHEREAS, An important goal of the 2010 March for Meals
25 campaign was to have Americans team up with their local Meals on
26 Wheels program and take a pledge to end senior hunger in the
27 United States by 2020; and

28 WHEREAS, To achieve this mission, MOWAA has set a goal to
29 recruit 6 million people willing to pledge to do whatever is
30 necessary to end senior hunger; and

1 WHEREAS, The annual March for Meals campaign hopes to
2 continue its significant contribution toward realizing this
3 ambitious and most worthy goal, and residents of this
4 Commonwealth are encouraged to participate in this effort to
5 fight senior citizen hunger; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
7 22, 2017, as "March for Meals Day" in Pennsylvania.