
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 311 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY BULLOCK, FRANKEL, KORTZ, KINSEY, LONGIETTI,
McNEILL, NEILSON, DONATUCCI, PASHINSKI, HILL-EVANS, HARKINS,
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McCLINTON, SCHWEYER, GALLOWAY, KENYATTA AND GILLEN,
MAY 6, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 6, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 5 through 11, 2019, as "Affordable
2 Housing Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Affordable Housing Week" is dedicated to housing
4 affordability and to helping all Pennsylvanians find a safe and
5 economical place to live; and

6 WHEREAS, On May 8th and 9th, the Pennsylvania Housing Finance
7 Agency will be presenting the 2019 Housing Forum which brings
8 together nearly 700 influential decision makers from across this
9 Commonwealth to address future affordable housing stock; and

10 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency plays a
11 vital role in this Commonwealth by leading the development of
12 affordable rental housing and by providing mortgage products for
13 low-income and moderate-income families who are ready for the
14 responsibilities of home ownership; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the United States Census Bureau, home

1 ownership rates are still below the rates recorded before the
2 2008 recession; and

3 WHEREAS, Too many Pennsylvanians who have extremely low
4 incomes are burdened by rent and experience housing insecurity;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Housing is considered affordable if housing costs
7 take up no more than 30% of a household's income, yet nearly
8 half of all Pennsylvanians pay more than 30% of their income on
9 rent and utilities combined; and

10 WHEREAS, Affordable housing is critical for helping
11 Pennsylvanians reach their full potential; and

12 WHEREAS, When housing is readily available, it helps families
13 come together, supports community stability and vitality and
14 provides economic stimulus that benefits everyone; therefore be
15 it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
17 week of May 5 through 11, 2019, as "Affordable Housing Week" in
18 Pennsylvania.