
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 37 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY MACKENZIE, BERNSTINE, BROWN, CALTAGIRONE,
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JANUARY 24, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 24, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of January 28 through February 1, 2019, as
2 "Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Tax-related identity theft was the second most
4 common form of identity theft reported to the Federal Trade
5 Commission in 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, According to the Internal Revenue Service, more than
7 300,000 American taxpayers had their tax return details stolen
8 as a result of the 2015 security breach; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the Internal Revenue Service,
10 approximately \$1.6 billion in fraudulent tax refunds were paid
11 in 2016 related to identity theft; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the Federal Trade Commission, tax
13 refund fraud is one of the largest and fastest growing identity
14 theft categories; and

15 WHEREAS, Approximately 5,000 victims have paid more than
16 \$26.5 million to scammers who pose as IRS agents according to

1 the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; therefore
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
4 week of January 28 through February 1, 2019, as "Tax Identity
5 Theft Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.