
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 748 Session of
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SCHLOSSBERG, SONNEY, WARD AND WATSON, MARCH 12, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 12, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2018 as "March for Meals Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed
4 into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965
5 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60
6 years of age and older; and

7 WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels America established the March for
8 Meals campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month and
9 the importance of the Older Americans Act of 1965 nutrition
10 programs and to raise awareness about the escalating problem of
11 senior hunger in America; and

12 WHEREAS, The 2018 observance of March for Meals celebrates 16
13 years of providing an opportunity to support Meals on Wheels
14 programs that deliver vital and critical services by donating,
15 volunteering and raising awareness about senior hunger and
16 isolation; and

1 WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs, both congregate and home-
2 delivered, have served our communities admirably for more than
3 45 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs provide nutritious meals to
5 seniors throughout this Commonwealth that help them maintain
6 their health and independence, thereby preventing unnecessary
7 falls, hospitalizations and premature institutionalization; and

8 WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs in this Commonwealth
9 provide a powerful socialization opportunity for millions of
10 seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation; and

11 WHEREAS, Volunteers for Meals on Wheels programs in this
12 Commonwealth are the backbone of these programs; and

13 WHEREAS, Volunteers not only deliver nutritious meals to
14 seniors and individuals with disabilities who are at significant
15 risk of hunger and isolation, but also provide caring concern
16 and attention to their welfare; and

17 WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs deserve recognition for the
18 contributions they have made and will continue to make to local
19 communities, this Commonwealth and our nation; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
21 month of March 2018 as "March for Meals Month" in Pennsylvania;
22 and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge every
24 citizen to take this month to honor our Meals on Wheels
25 programs, the seniors they serve and the volunteers who care for
26 them.