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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY HANBIDGE, SAPPEY, SCHLOSSBERG, GUENST, KHAN,  
MARSHALL, MADDEN, HILL-EVANS, NEILSON, GILLEN, TAKAC,  
CERRATO, SANCHEZ AND MALAGARI, APRIL 17, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 17, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2023 as "National Volunteer  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps estimates that in 2019, nearly 78 million  
4 Americans volunteered and collectively served 5.8 billion hours  
5 with an economic value of \$147 billion; and

6 WHEREAS, Volunteerism can help unemployed people find jobs;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Volunteerism can provide career experience and teach  
9 valuable skills; and

10 WHEREAS, Volunteerism builds social ties by connecting people  
11 to others, establishing friendships and increasing social and  
12 relationship skills; and

13 WHEREAS, Volunteerism can boost self-confidence and combat  
14 depression; and

15 WHEREAS, Volunteerism has been associated with reduced  
16 mortality; and

17 WHEREAS, Volunteerism can be done anywhere, from out in the

1 community to working at home; and

2 WHEREAS, Volunteerism can provide a sense of fulfillment and  
3 purpose in life; and

4 WHEREAS, Volunteerism builds community resilience in the face  
5 of natural disasters and other tests of collective strength; and

6 WHEREAS, Volunteers are active in every major shock and  
7 stress that communities experience, from earthquakes and  
8 flooding to climate change and local conflicts; and

9 WHEREAS, Volunteers are critical to rural communities, from  
10 running sports events and community festivals to providing  
11 essential and life-preserving services as firefighters and  
12 paramedics; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
14 month of April 2023 as "National Volunteer Month" in  
15 Pennsylvania; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all  
17 residents of this Commonwealth to find ways to make a difference  
18 in their communities, no matter how big or small the effort,  
19 because someone will be grateful that they were lent a helping  
20 hand.