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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY VOGEL, KANE, SCHWANK, CAPPELLETTI, TARTAGLIONE,  
HAYWOOD, MARTIN, BREWSTER, HUGHES, FONTANA, BROWN, KEARNEY,  
COMITTA, COSTA, LAUGHLIN AND DUSH, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2023 as "Hunger Action Month"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, September 2023 has been designated nationwide as  
4 "Hunger Action Month" to raise awareness of the issue of hunger  
5 and mobilize the public to help end hunger in America; and

6 WHEREAS, According to Feeding America, one in eleven  
7 Pennsylvanians and one in eight children are food insecure; and

8 WHEREAS, Food insecurity, the condition of limited or  
9 uncertain access to adequate food, is associated with numerous  
10 adverse social and health outcomes and is a critical public  
11 health issue; and

12 WHEREAS, Children who experience hunger have higher levels of  
13 chronic illness, anxiety, depression and behavioral problems  
14 than children receiving a well-balanced diet; and

15 WHEREAS, Food-insecure older adults are at increased risk of  
16 a range of physical and mental health conditions and  
17 hospitalization; and

1       WHEREAS, Food insecurity is not discerning of whether  
2       Pennsylvanians reside in urban or rural communities; and

3       WHEREAS, Current inflation rates for essentials are  
4       compounding the economic challenges for many Pennsylvanians; and

5       WHEREAS, Hunger relief organizations, food banks and food  
6       pantries throughout this Commonwealth are uniquely positioned to  
7       help struggling individuals and families make ends meet and are  
8       critical lifelines for nearly 2 million Pennsylvanians annually  
9       but are increasingly stretched thin; and

10       WHEREAS, The fight against hunger requires engaging a wide  
11       range of public and private entities, including policymakers,  
12       business leaders, community activists, concerned citizens and  
13       food-serving organizations; and

14       WHEREAS, Food banks, food rescue organizations, soup  
15       kitchens, food pantries, faith-based organizations, businesses  
16       and individuals are donating time, raising funds and giving food  
17       to help their neighbors; therefore be it

18       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of September  
19       2023 as "Hunger Action Month" in Pennsylvania.