

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 322 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY VOGEL, BROWN, TARTAGLIONE, KANE, KEARNEY,  
BREWSTER, HUGHES, SCHWANK, HAYWOOD, BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA,  
CAPPELLETTI, COMMITTA AND MILLER, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2024 as "Hunger Action Month"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, September 2024 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 eight  
7 Pennsylvanians and one in six 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 more than 1.5 million Pennsylvanians  
9       annually 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       2024 as "Hunger Action Month" in Pennsylvania.