

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY J. WARD, HAYWOOD, LAUGHLIN, MARTIN, CULVER, VOGEL, HUGHES, ROBINSON AND DUSH, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2024 as "Living Independence
2 for the Elderly (LIFE) Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The month of September is recognized as National
4 Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Month; and

5 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth PACE is known as the Living
6 Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) program; and

7 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth became one of the first states to
8 implement this comprehensive, all-inclusive managed care model
9 in 1998 as an innovative and cost-effective way to provide more
10 nursing home Medicaid-eligible individuals the opportunity to
11 age in their homes and live independently in their communities
12 as long as possible; and

13 WHEREAS, LIFE has been proven to be highly effective at
14 coordinating care in a way that allows nearly 90% of its nursing
15 home eligible participants to remain in their own homes in the
16 community; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, Pennsylvania LIFE providers operate more than
18 50 LIFE centers across 54 of this Commonwealth's 67 counties,

1 serving more than 8,000 participants; and

2 WHEREAS, LeadingAge PA and the Pennsylvania LIFE Provider
3 Alliance are committed to supporting, safeguarding and expanding
4 Pennsylvania's LIFE program through education and advocacy in
5 order to further enhance the lives of LIFE participants and
6 others who could benefit from this program; and

7 WHEREAS, LIFE is an integral part of the aging services
8 ecosystem by delivering much needed medical, social and
9 supportive services for older Pennsylvanians with chronic care
10 needs through community-focused program centers and
11 interdisciplinary teams; and

12 WHEREAS, LIFE assumes full financial risk for all medical
13 care and related services, including transportation,
14 hospitalization and long-term care in return for capitalized
15 payments from Medicare and Medicaid, which helps control costs
16 for the Commonwealth while providing positive health and social
17 outcomes; and

18 WHEREAS, Greater awareness of the LIFE program is needed so
19 that more older Pennsylvanians and their loved ones can make
20 fully informed decisions on their options for care and support,
21 thereby helping to alleviate strain on the other parts of the
22 aging services ecosystem; and

23 WHEREAS, The Senate recognizes the outstanding impact of the
24 LIFE program in enhancing and supporting the well-being and
25 quality of life for thousands of older Pennsylvanians since its
26 inception; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of September
28 2024 as "Living Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) Month" in
29 Pennsylvania; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to

1 the nine organizations that provide LIFE program services to
2 older Pennsylvanians today.