

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

RESOLUTION

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<b>Referred to Committee on</b>	
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<b>As Committed-Amended</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
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By Hon. _____	

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2010 as "Hunger Action Month"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, September 2010 has been designated as "Hunger Action  
4 Month" to provide an opportunity for communities in the United  
5 States to unite to focus attention on the persistent problem of  
6 domestic hunger; and

7 WHEREAS, For one in six Commonwealth citizens, hunger is a  
8 reality; and

9 WHEREAS, Many United States households experience hunger and  
10 some people in these households frequently skip meals or eat too  
11 little, sometimes going without food for a whole day; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2008, 49,000,000 Americans, or 16% of the  
13 national population, were food insecure, meaning their access to  
14 enough food is limited by a lack of money and other resources;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, In 2009, 15.9% of Commonwealth citizens did not have  
17 enough money to buy food that they or their family needed; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2009, over 20% of the children in this  
19 Commonwealth experienced food insecurity; and

1       WHEREAS, Members of these households have lower-quality diets  
2 or must resort to seeking emergency food because they cannot  
3 always afford the food they need; and

4       WHEREAS, The costs of other essentials, such as home heating,  
5 gasoline, housing and medical care, have increased  
6 significantly; and

7       WHEREAS, For families caught in the squeeze between declining  
8 wages and rising costs, the food budget becomes a frequent  
9 pressure point; and

10       WHEREAS, Utilization of emergency food assistance becomes a  
11 way for these families to keep food on the table while still  
12 paying the bills; and

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

17       WHEREAS, Individuals benefiting from the availability of  
18 donated food consist of infants and toddlers, school-age  
19 children and adolescents, single parents, families, veterans and  
20 seniors; and

21       WHEREAS, Research shows that preschool and school-age  
22 children who experience severe hunger have higher levels of  
23 chronic illness, anxiety and depression and behavioral problems  
24 than children with no hunger; therefore be it

25       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of September  
26 2010 as "Hunger Action Month" in Pennsylvania.