
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 540 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY MENTZER, MADDEN, VENKAT, MAYES, HANBIDGE,
GOUGHNOUR, PASHINSKI, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, NEILSON AND PUGH,
MAY 27, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES,
MAY 27, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 15, 2026, as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2024-2025, more than 66,000 Statewide
4 reports of elder abuse were received, and more than 15,700 of
5 those cases were substantiated through investigation, with the
6 number of suspicious death reports totaling 154; and

7 WHEREAS, The top three forms of substantiated abuse were
8 self-neglect, caregiver neglect and financial exploitation; and

9 WHEREAS, A total of 1,317 reports of elder abuse in this
10 Commonwealth originated from mandated abuse reports, reflecting
11 a 45% increase over the past five years; and

12 WHEREAS, Risk factors that increase the likelihood of abuse,
13 neglect, exploitation or abandonment include living alone,
14 social isolation, physical or cognitive incapacitation and more;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The National Center on Elder Abuse is observing
17 "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day" on June 15, 2026; and

1 WHEREAS, "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day" was launched by
2 the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse in
3 2006 and recognized as a United Nations Observance in 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day" calls attention to
5 the issue of elder abuse and serves as a reminder for
6 individuals, communities, lawmakers and organizations to do
7 their part in helping to identify and prevent elder abuse;
8 therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize June
10 15, 2026, as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania;
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives continue to
13 support efforts to protect the health, safety and welfare of
14 older adults in this Commonwealth and urge all Pennsylvanians to
15 take an active stand against elder abuse by promoting vigilance,
16 education and community awareness of this critical issue.