
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 567 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY KAZEEM, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, KINKEAD, TIBURCIO, PIELLI,
McNEILL, HOWARD, MADDEN, SHUSTERMAN, MAYES, VENKAT, VITALI,
PROBST, SANCHEZ, RIVERA, WAXMAN, HOHENSTEIN, McANDREW,
PASHINSKI, O'MARA, D. WILLIAMS AND CIRESI, JUNE 12, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of June 2026 as "Gun Violence Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Gun violence is a national, State and local problem
4 affecting Americans in cities, suburbs and rural communities;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Nearly 130 people are killed and more than 200
7 people are injured with firearms each day in the United States;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, An average of 60 children and teens are shot and
10 killed or injured each day in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2024, firearms were used in 76% of all homicides
12 in the United States and 57% of all suicides; and

13 WHEREAS, Among American adults, 21% have been personally
14 threatened with a firearm, 19% report that a family member was
15 killed by firearm, 17% have personally witnessed someone being
16 shot with a firearm and 4% have been injured with a firearm; and

17 WHEREAS, Gun violence is the leading cause of death for

1 children under 18 years of age; and

2 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, an individual is killed with a
3 firearm every five hours; and

4 WHEREAS, A law enforcement officer in this Commonwealth is
5 fatally shot every six months; and

6 WHEREAS, This year, "National Gun Violence Awareness Month"
7 is being observed in June; and

8 WHEREAS, "Gun Violence Awareness Month" is a nationwide and
9 Statewide occasion to recognize the impact of gun violence;
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
12 month of June 2026 as "Gun Violence Awareness Month" in
13 Pennsylvania; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives acknowledge this
15 public safety and public health issue; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize the
17 lives lost to gun violence in this Commonwealth.