
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 57 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY KAZEEM, VENKAT, VITALI, NEILSON, HOHENSTEIN,
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O'MARA AND GREEN, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of June 2025 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, An average of 116 Americans are killed with firearms
7 every day and an additional 210 are injured with firearms; and

8 WHEREAS, An average of 22 children are shot, 5 of them
9 fatally, each day in America; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2020, firearms were used in 79% of all homicides
11 in America and 53% of all suicides; and

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

16 WHEREAS, Gun violence is the leading cause of death for
17 children under 18 years of age; and

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

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

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

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

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
11 month of June 2025 as "Gun Violence Awareness Month" in
12 Pennsylvania; and be it further

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

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