

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2017 as "Community Planning  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Change is constant and affects all cities, towns,  
4 suburbs, counties, boroughs, townships, rural areas and other  
5 places; and

6 WHEREAS, Community planning and plans can help manage this  
7 change in a way that provides better choices for how people work  
8 and live; and

9 WHEREAS, The full benefits of planning requires public  
10 officials and residents who understand, support and demand  
11 excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

12 WHEREAS, Community planning provides an opportunity for all  
13 residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that  
14 determine the future of their community; and

15 WHEREAS, Community planning has a long history in this  
16 Commonwealth and dates back to William Penn's plan for  
17 Philadelphia; and

1       WHEREAS, More than 10,000 residents serve on municipal  
2 planning commissions in this Commonwealth, working with public  
3 and private sector professional planners to enhance the quality  
4 of life in our communities; and

5       WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning  
6 Association is holding its annual Statewide conference in the  
7 State College region October 22 through 24, 2017; and

8       WHEREAS, The month of October is designated as "National  
9 Community Planning Month" throughout the United States and its  
10 territories; and

11       WHEREAS, The American Planning Association and its  
12 professional institute, the American Institute of Certified  
13 Planners, endorse "National Community Planning Month" in order  
14 to highlight the contributions that planning and plan  
15 implementation make to the quality of our communities and our  
16 environment; and

17       WHEREAS, The celebration of "National Community Planning  
18 Month" gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the  
19 participation and dedication of the members of planning  
20 commissioners and other resident planners; and

21       WHEREAS, We recognize the many valuable contributions made by  
22 professional community planners and professional regional  
23 planners, working in the public and private sectors in this  
24 Commonwealth and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued  
25 commitment to public service by these professionals; therefore  
26 be it

27       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
28 month of October 2017 as "Community Planning Month" in  
29 Pennsylvania.