

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

RESPITE CARE AWARENESS WEEK
September 25, 2011 through October 1, 2011

WHEREAS, Families are Pennsylvania's most important and constant care providers for individuals with extraordinary care needs, such as developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, Alzheimer's disease, mental and emotional disorders, and extreme medical need; and

WHEREAS, this important job can become stressful for the individual providing care, particularly due to the often constant demands-- many times it is a 24-hour a day commitment; and

WHEREAS, respite, or relief from the intensive demands of ongoing care, keeps families intact and strengthens their ability to meet the challenge of caring for a family member with special needs; and

WHEREAS, respite care is one of the most requested and cost-effective services for families and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, respite care helps prevent abuse and neglect by giving stressed caregivers a break; and

WHEREAS, citizens who provide respite care to persons with special needs are providing an important and highly valuable service to those individuals and their families, and to their communities.

THEREFORE, In recognition of the unique and important service that respite caregivers offer to the many selfless individuals caring for Pennsylvania's most vulnerable population, I, Tom Corbett, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim September 25th through October 1, 2011, RESPITE CARE AWARENESS WEEK throughout the Commonwealth.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twenty-ninth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-sixth.



Tom Corbett

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Governor