
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2015

INTRODUCED BY DAY, BISHOP, SCHREIBER, KNOWLES, HENNESSEY,
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D. COSTA, MILLARD, KIM, READSHAW, MARSICO, WATSON, MURT,
DeLUCA, CONKLIN, GABLER, WHEELAND, MAJOR, DONATUCCI AND
McCARTER, JANUARY 21, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 21, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of January 25 through 31, 2015, as "PCN:
2 Pennsylvania's Neighborhood Week" in Pennsylvania and
3 congratulating the Pennsylvania Cable Network on its 20th
4 anniversary of coverage of the General Assembly.

5 WHEREAS, The nation's advent of cable technology and birth of
6 today's cable industry began in the valleys of eastern
7 Pennsylvania more than 65 years ago; and

8 WHEREAS, A rapid growth in the number of entrepreneurial
9 cable operators, developed in all corners of this Commonwealth,
10 emerged to provide Pennsylvanians with television service in
11 advance of most other areas of the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, On August 29, 1979, these cable companies combined
13 to form the Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN), a nonprofit
14 corporation created to provide a public service for the
15 distribution of educational programming by Pennsylvania
16 institutions of higher learning; and

1 WHEREAS, The programming provided by PCN expanded from solely
2 educational programming to public affairs programming, and in
3 1995, PCN began providing increased coverage of the General
4 Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, For the last 20 years, PCN has provided
6 Pennsylvanians with the nation's most superior gavel-to-gavel
7 coverage of a state legislature, which coverage includes floor
8 proceedings, hearings, news conferences, speeches and other
9 events of public interest addressed within the Capitol, with
10 full access and cooperation from House and Senate caucuses and
11 Commonwealth Media Services; and

12 WHEREAS, PCN has consistently presented nonpartisan, unedited
13 and balanced coverage, providing Pennsylvanians with a reliable
14 and untainted view of the legislative process; and

15 WHEREAS, PCN provides programming using the highest available
16 levels of technology and quality, with a fiber feed directly
17 from the Capitol, transmission via satellite and high definition
18 service in selected locations; and

19 WHEREAS, PCN is nationally recognized as the premiere state
20 public affairs network and serves as a model for other states in
21 offering 24-7 programming of State legislative action, facility
22 tours, sports championships and other events of interest taking
23 place in Pennsylvania; and

24 WHEREAS, Cable companies in Pennsylvania provide PCN with
25 more than 85% of its funding, which supports the maintenance of
26 its superior level of programming and public services; and

27 WHEREAS, Independent, family-owned cable operators in this
28 Commonwealth continue to outnumber those in other states and,
29 joining with multiple-system operators, serve 3 million
30 Pennsylvanians with communications and entertainment services;

1 therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That House of Representatives designate the week of
3 January 25 through 31, 2015, as "PCN: Pennsylvania's
4 Neighborhood Week" and congratulate the Pennsylvania Cable
5 Network on its 20th anniversary of continuous, unedited coverage
6 of the General Assembly and all related components of State
7 government.