
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MAY 12, 1999

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 12, 1999

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 26 through July 4, 1999, as "Folklife Festival
2 Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 1950 the first folklife festival in the United
4 States was held in Kutztown; and

5 WHEREAS, The Kutztown folklife festival was established by
6 scholars from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster to
7 demonstrate and preserve the folkways and folklife of
8 Pennsylvania Germans; and

9 WHEREAS, The festival allows the public to participate in the
10 Pennsylvania German culture by handling tools, talking with
11 shinglemakers, soapboilers, butchers, funnelcake cooks and
12 powwowers, learning to speak some of the dialect and listening

1 to local folklore, songs and music; and

2 WHEREAS, Other cultural entities have used the Kutztown
3 folklife festival model for the creation of additional regional
4 folk festivals; and

5 WHEREAS, The study of the Pennsylvania German culture
6 prepares the citizens of this Commonwealth for entry into the
7 21st century by highlighting the mores, cultural values and
8 folklife of some of the proud pioneers who inhabited the early
9 colony of Pennsylvania; and

10 WHEREAS, The Kutztown folklife festival continues to promote
11 research, scholarship and understanding of a vital ethnic group;
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June 26
14 through July 4, 1999, as "Folklife Festival Week" in
15 Pennsylvania.