

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

---

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 25

Session of  
1999

---

INTRODUCED BY KAISER, READSHAW, GEORGE, SCHULER, DEMPSEY, PESCI,  
DONATUCCI, RUBLEY, MAHER, FAIRCHILD, L. I. COHEN, WALKO,  
GEIST, B. SMITH, WOJNAROSKI, HERSHEY, SANTONI, PIPPY, HESS,  
MAITLAND, ZUG, HUTCHINSON, JOSEPHS, STABACK, CAPPABIANCA,  
HALUSKA, BEBKO-JONES, MANDERINO, CAWLEY, SCHRODER, SERAFINI,  
BAKER, SEYFERT, SATHER, TRUE, TIGUE, ROSS, MELIO, MARKOSEK,  
GIGLIOTTI, FORCIER, HORSEY, M. COHEN, McNAUGHTON, TRAVAGLIO,  
SHANER, CLARK, LEH, LEDERER, C. WILLIAMS, PISTELLA AND  
LAUGHLIN, FEBRUARY 3, 1999

---

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
FEBRUARY 3, 1999

---

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 6, 1999, as "Tartan Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, On April 6, 1320, the Scottish Parliament, meeting  
3 at Arbroath Abbey, sent a declaration to Pope John XXII that  
4 asserted the independence of Scotland and recited the services  
5 that their "Lord and sovereign, Robert the Bruce had rendered";  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The declaration of Scottish independence, known as  
8 the Declaration of Arbroath, stated "for we fight not for glory,  
9 nor riches, nor honours, but for freedom alone, which no good  
10 man gives up except for his life"; and

11 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania possesses a rich  
12 history, filled with the character and strength of a truly  
13 diverse population; and

1       WHEREAS, Within our society, the contributions of Scottish  
2 Americans are varied and plentiful, and hundreds of thousands of  
3 Scottish Americans are proud to call Pennsylvania their home;  
4 and

5       WHEREAS, In July 1776, members of the Continental Congress  
6 declared their independence from England and formed the United  
7 States of America; and

8       WHEREAS, As a country born from revolution and a belief in  
9 freedom for all, it is appropriate to celebrate and recognize  
10 these values throughout the world; and

11       WHEREAS, Over the centuries the contributions of Scottish  
12 Americans to the growth and prosperity of our nation are well  
13 documented; and

14       WHEREAS, Today over 6 million Americans of Scottish descent  
15 reside within our borders and continue to donate to a future  
16 filled with hope, possibility and boundless horizons; therefore  
17 be it

18       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April  
19 6, 1999, as "Tartan Day" in Pennsylvania.