

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, AUGUST 10, 2009

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 10, 2009, as "Marine Corps Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania in honor of the United States Marine Corps'  
3 234th anniversary.

4 WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps was founded as the  
5 Continental Marines by a resolution passed by the Second  
6 Continental Congress on November 10, 1775; and

7 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps has fought with great courage on  
8 every continent and in every conflict in American history,  
9 including the Revolutionary War, the American Civil War, World  
10 War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War; and

11 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps is serving in support of Operation  
12 Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

1 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps has fought valiantly in defense of  
2 the United States and its citizens and principles; and

3 WHEREAS, There are approximately 202,000 individuals  
4 currently enlisted in the Marine Corps; and

5 WHEREAS, Marines recognize the Marine Corps as a brotherhood  
6 built on time-honored values and principles; and

7 WHEREAS, Marines truly embody the motto of the Marine Corps:  
8 "Semper Fidelis" translates from Latin as "always faithful," and  
9 signifies the defense of freedom and democracy worldwide; and

10 WHEREAS, "*Raising of the Flag on Iwo Jima*," the famous  
11 photograph by Joe Rosenthal, will always symbolize the triumph  
12 and glory of the Marine Corps; and

13 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps' Air Ground Task Force integrates a  
14 ground combat element, an aviation combat element and a  
15 logistics combat element under a common command element; and

16 WHEREAS, Known for its amphibious and land capabilities, the  
17 Air Ground Task Force operates independently or as part of a  
18 larger coalition; and

19 WHEREAS, During World War I, Marines fought their famed  
20 battle at Belleau Wood, establishing their reputation of  
21 toughness and fierceness; and

22 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps played a central role in the  
23 liberation of the Pacific Islands during World War II; and

24 WHEREAS, The momentum of the Korean War shifted when the  
25 Marine Corps, in conjunction with the Navy, launched a massive  
26 amphibious attack at Inchon, surprising the North Koreans by  
27 putting thousands of United States troops behind enemy lines;  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps participated in major offensives of  
30 the Vietnam War, engaging in guerrilla warfare, implementing

1 unconventional techniques for counterinsurgency and working as  
2 military advisors to the Republic of Vietnam Marine Corps; and

3 WHEREAS, From 1990 to 1992, Marines participated in Operation  
4 Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, leading the liberation  
5 of Kuwait and the defeat of Iraqi forces; and

6 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps continues to make significant  
7 contributions to the war on terrorism as part of Operation  
8 Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

9 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps supports peacekeeping missions and  
10 humanitarian operations in countries such as Liberia,  
11 Bangladesh, the Philippines and Somalia; and

12 WHEREAS, Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 192, written by  
13 Major Commandant General John A. Lejeune, established the  
14 mandatory celebration of the Marine Corps' anniversary;  
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize  
17 November 10, 2009, as "Marine Corps Day" in Pennsylvania in  
18 honor of the United States Marine Corps' 234th anniversary.