

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 436 Session of
2011

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER
5, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 10, 2011, as "Tenth Amendment Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, While Federal interests and initiatives continually
4 evolve, certain powers are reserved and rights guaranteed to
5 states and individuals under specific constitutional provisions;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the
8 United States, also known as the States' Rights Amendment,
9 reads:

10 The powers not delegated to the United States by the
11 Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are
12 reserved to the States respectively, or to the people;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, This Constitutional amendment, the final amendment
15 in the Bill of Rights, was proposed by the Congress of the
16 United States on September 25, 1789, and ratified by the states
17 on December 15, 1791; and

18 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has asserted its sovereignty under

1 the Tenth Amendment over all powers not otherwise enumerated or
2 granted to the Federal Government by the Constitution of the
3 United States, such as education and local government; and

4 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth retains authority over its
5 legislative and regulatory processes in exercising these
6 reserved powers and shares certain powers with the Federal
7 Government; and

8 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth opposes the imposition of Federal
9 mandates which are beyond the scope of constitutionally
10 delegated powers; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
12 10, 2011, as "Tenth Amendment Day" in Pennsylvania, setting
13 aside the tenth day of the tenth month to celebrate the
14 importance of the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the
15 United States in shaping the governmental, political and
16 administrative systems of this Commonwealth.