

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 22, 2012, as "Earth Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, April 22, 2012, is the 42nd celebration of Earth  
3 Day; and

4 WHEREAS, The concept of Earth Day was created to encourage  
5 Americans to contemplate the damage being done to the Earth  
6 through human actions; and

7 WHEREAS, It is estimated that over 20 million people  
8 participated in the first Earth Day; and

9 WHEREAS, From the beginning, Earth Day has achieved "a rare  
10 political alignment, enlisting support from Republicans and  
11 Democrats, rich and poor, city slickers and farmers, tycoons and  
12 labor leaders," according to Earth Day Network; and

13 WHEREAS, Earth Day has led to the creation of the United  
14 States Environmental Protection Agency, the Clean Water Act, the  
15 Clean Air Act and the Federal Pesticides Act; and

16 WHEREAS, The first Earth Day in 1970 was a monumental moment  
17 in the protection and care of the environment in the United  
18 States, and this year's anniversary will be celebrated by over 1

1 billion people from around the globe; and

2 WHEREAS, The importance of being good stewards of the Earth  
3 has become a nearly universally held belief among people of this  
4 country and this Commonwealth, and protecting the environment is  
5 a bipartisan concern that is good for our health, our economy  
6 and the plants and animals that cohabit this planet; and

7 WHEREAS, The Constitution of Pennsylvania makes an important  
8 declaration of Earth Day policies in section 27 of Article I:  
9 "The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the  
10 preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic  
11 values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural  
12 resources are the common property of all the people, including  
13 generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the  
14 Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of  
15 all the people"; and

16 WHEREAS, Earth Day events and activities are designed to  
17 promote consciousness and encourage environmentally aware  
18 behaviors, such as recycling, using energy efficiently,  
19 utilizing environmentally friendly products, reducing pollution  
20 and reducing or reusing disposable items; and

21 WHEREAS, Dozens of events have been scheduled to observe  
22 Earth Day in Pennsylvania, including a watershed cleanup in  
23 Centre County and celebration events in Allegheny and Berks  
24 Counties; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize April 22, 2012, as "Earth  
26 Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage all citizens to observe  
27 "Earth Day" by striving to clean up our environment and enjoy  
28 the beauty of Penn's Woods wherever possible.