## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WARD, WILEY, WOZNIAK, HAYWOOD, TEPLITZ, BREWSTER, GREENLEAF, DINNIMAN, PILEGGI, COSTA, SMITH, BAKER, YAW, RAFFERTY, AUMENT, BARTOLOTTA, VULAKOVICH, FARNESE, ALLOWAY, HUTCHINSON, BROOKS AND YUDICHAK, MAY 5, 2015

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## A RESOLUTION

- Recognizing the week of May 2 through 10, 2015, as "National Travel and Tourism Week" and May 5, 2015, as "Tourism Day" in
- 3 Pennsylvania.
- 4 WHEREAS, National Travel and Tourism Week and Tourism Day
- 5 are designed to draw attention to and recognize the economic,
- 6 social and cultural impacts of travel and tourism in this
- 7 Commonwealth and the United States; and
- 8 WHEREAS, National Travel and Tourism Week was established in
- 9 1983 when the Congress of the United States passed a joint
- 10 resolution designating a week in May 1984 as National Travel and
- 11 Tourism Week and President Ronald Reagan signed a Presidential
- 12 Proclamation urging citizens to observe the week with
- 13 appropriate ceremonies and activities; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Travel and tourism consistently rank as one of the
- 15 greatest generators of economic activity and jobs for this
- 16 Commonwealth; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Tourism is a vital industry in this Commonwealth,

- 1 contributing approximately \$39.2 billion in visitor spending and
- 2 generating more than \$4.1 billion in State and local taxes in
- 3 2013; and
- 4 WHEREAS, One out of every 15.3 workers in this Commonwealth
- 5 is supported by travel and tourism accounting for 478,888 direct
- 6 and indirect jobs, equivalent to 6.5% of the State's total
- 7 employment; and
- 8 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth hosted nearly 192.9 million
- 9 domestic and international travelers for business and leisure in
- 10 2013; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Travel and tourism in this Commonwealth allow
- 12 Pennsylvanians and other travelers to see the spectacular
- 13 natural scenery, world-class cities, historic towns, dozens of
- 14 museums and award-winning entertainment and cultural events this
- 15 Commonwealth has to offer; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of May 2 through
- 17 10, 2015, as "National Travel and Tourism Week" and May 5, 2015,
- 18 as "Tourism Day" in Pennsylvania.