
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 196 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY TEPLITZ, KITCHEN, DINNIMAN, SABATINA, VOGEL,
FARNESE AND GREENLEAF, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of November 9 through 15, 2015, as "United
2 States Colored Troops Grand Review Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, November 2015 marks the closing year of the Civil
4 War Sesquicentennial during which Pennsylvania has been in the
5 national leadership in presenting compelling and informative
6 programs for its residents, visitors and guests; and

7 WHEREAS, November 14, 2015, also marks the 150th anniversary
8 of the Pennsylvania Grand Review of the United States Colored
9 Troops, honoring more than 180,000 free men who were African-
10 American patriots of the Civil War; and

11 WHEREAS, A congress of citizens from throughout this
12 Commonwealth, Mid-Atlantic region and nation gathered here in
13 Harrisburg on November 14, 1865, to welcome marching regiments
14 from 25 states who passed in review, marched through our streets
15 and into our common history; and

16 WHEREAS, This year, a groundswell of cultural and heritage
17 partners have collaborated to gather reenactors, living history
18 interpreters, student organizations, cultural and heritage

1 organizations, scholars, humanists, educators, stewards of
2 hallowed grounds and United States Colored Troops descendants
3 from those same 25 states; and

4 WHEREAS, The descendants of those United States Colored
5 Troops have also journeyed here to pause in this time and place
6 and remember in order to march forward in unity; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate of Pennsylvania designate November
8 9 through 15, 2015, as United States Colored Troops Grand Review
9 Week in honor and commemoration of these African-American
10 patriots of the Civil War and with regard for the legacy of
11 citizenship they leave us to preserve and carry forward; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate of Pennsylvania welcome the
14 delegates of the 2015 annual meeting of the United States
15 Colored Troops Living History Association who come to stand in
16 this hallowed place at this historic moment.