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1 Designating the month of October 2016 as "Polish American
2 Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This year marks the 408th anniversary of Polish
4 settlers arriving in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, People of Polish heritage have contributed greatly
6 to global advancement and the growth of the United States and
7 Pennsylvania in particular in the more than 400 years since the
8 first Polish immigrants settled here; and

9 WHEREAS, Polish notables include Ignacy Jan Paderewski, one
10 of the most famous and popular pianists of all time and an
11 advocate for Polish freedom, who was born more than 150 years
12 ago in Warsaw and who died in 1941 in New York City; and

13 WHEREAS, People of Polish heritage have demonstrated
14 exceptional skills in the fields of accounting, acting, art,
15 dentistry, education, engineering, entertainment, general labor,
16 government, law, literature, management, mathematics, medicine,
17 the military, music, philosophy, poetry, sports and many other

1 endeavors; and

2 WHEREAS, People of Polish heritage will mark the 237th
3 anniversary of the death of General Casimir Pulaski, father of
4 the American cavalry, and the 105th anniversary of Marie
5 Sklodowska Curie's receipt of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for
6 her discovery of radioactive elements polonium and radium; and

7 WHEREAS, Polish people are recognized for their strong work
8 ethic and outstanding achievements; and

9 WHEREAS, Other Polish notables include Revolutionary War hero
10 Thaddeus Kosciuszko; Leopold Stokowski, a renowned international
11 conductor; Zbigniew Brzezinski, National Security Advisor to
12 President Carter; and Edmund Muskie, a United States Senator
13 from Maine; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians of Polish heritage have made many
15 contributions to our nation; and

16 WHEREAS, These Pennsylvanians include Cardinal John Krol of
17 Philadelphia, baseball great Stan Musial of Donora and singer
18 Bobby Vinton of Canonsburg; and

19 WHEREAS, The Polish people have many reasons to be proud of
20 and to celebrate their heritage, culture and the achievements of
21 their people; and

22 WHEREAS, All Pennsylvanians are grateful for the many
23 contributions of Poland and its citizens to our Commonwealth;
24 therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2016
26 as "Polish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.