
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 68th anniversary of the Universal Declaration
2 of Human Rights and recognizing December 10, 2016, as
3 "International Human Rights Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was
5 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10,
6 1948, in order to sufficiently define the rights referenced in
7 the Charter of the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, As chair of the United Nations Commission on Human
9 Rights, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt was instrumental in the
10 drafting process of the declaration; and

11 WHEREAS, The Preamble of the Universal Declaration of Human
12 Rights proclaims, "Disregard and contempt for human rights have
13 resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of
14 mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall
15 enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and
16 want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common
17 people"; and

18 WHEREAS, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights has been

1 referred to as "the international Magna Carta for all mankind"
2 due to its intent to clarify the rights of all human beings; and

3 WHEREAS, Each year, December 10th is observed by individuals,
4 communities, religious groups, human rights organizations,
5 governments and the United Nations as a day to promote human
6 rights awareness throughout the world; and

7 WHEREAS, December 10, 2016, marks the 68th anniversary of the
8 United Nations General Assembly adopting the Universal
9 Declaration of Human Rights; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate the 68th anniversary of
11 the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and recognize December
12 10, 2016, as "International Human Rights Day" in Pennsylvania.