

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 255 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY MARSICO, BURNS, HENNESSEY, DIGIROLAMO, READSHAW, WATSON, MATZIE, CORBIN, TOOIL, MACKENZIE, LONGIETTI, M. K. KELLER, KINSEY, WARD, CALTAGIRONE, QUIGLEY, HAHN, MILLARD, METZGAR, CHARLTON, O'NEILL, BOBACK, RYAN, DUSH, SONNEY, PASHINSKI, BULLOCK, MURT, SOLOMON, McNEILL, ENGLISH, JAMES, A. HARRIS, ROZZI, HELM, SAYLOR, SANKEY, FREEMAN, PICKETT, STAATS, NEILSON, IRVIN, CONKLIN, HILL-EVANS, WHEELAND, D. COSTA, ZIMMERMAN, GILLEN AND WARREN, APRIL 17, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 17, 2017

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 28, 2017, as "Arbor Day"; promoting public  
2 participation in the celebration; and further recognizing the  
3 value of trees to our environment.

4 WHEREAS, The tree has proved to be a valuable component of  
5 our environment by providing us with natural aesthetics for  
6 landscaping, a biological tool to control water and wind  
7 erosion, a renewable source of food, fuel and lumber, a habitat  
8 for birds and wildlife and a natural producer of oxygen and  
9 water through the process of transpiration; and

10 WHEREAS, The original "Arbor Day" was observed with the  
11 planting of more than a million trees; and

12 WHEREAS, Scientists, environmentalists, foresters and  
13 government officials throughout the world are increasingly  
14 alarmed about the significant clearing and destruction of the

1 forests of the world and are now exploring the feasibility of  
2 large-scale reforestation programs as a means of preventing a  
3 possible adverse climate change such as global warming; and

4 WHEREAS, "Arbor Day" has been designated by many states as a  
5 time to recognize the importance of trees to our environment;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, "Arbor Day" is now celebrated throughout the United  
8 States and in countries around the world; and

9 WHEREAS, The last Friday in April is commonly held to be the  
10 day to celebrate "Arbor Day"; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April  
12 28, 2017, as "Arbor Day," promote public participation in the  
13 celebration and further recognize the value of trees to our  
14 environment; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives ask that  
16 residents and communities throughout this Commonwealth,  
17 individually and collectively, engage in the celebration of  
18 "Arbor Day" by planting trees in appropriate public places as a  
19 source of future enjoyment and civic pride; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
21 the Governor and the Senate to solicit support for this  
22 recognition.