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A RESOLUTION

Designating June 29, 2017, as "Turkic Cultural Day" in Pennsylvania and recognizing the valuable work of the Council 2 of Turkic American Alliance and the Turkish Cultural Center 3 of Pennsylvania. 4 WHEREAS, The Council of Turkic American Alliance and the 5 6 Turkish Cultural Center of Pennsylvania are hosting their sixth annual "Turkic Cultural Day" to showcase the rich mosaic of different cultures, religions and ethnicities and to educate the 9 public regarding the country of Turkey; and 10 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth proudly welcomes the Turkic-11 American community to participate in the festivities to 12 commemorate the observance of "Turkic Cultural Day"; and WHEREAS, The Council of Turkic American Alliance serves as an 13 14 educational council that promotes Turkic-American culture and 15 heritage; and 16 WHEREAS, The Turkish Cultural Center of Pennsylvania 17 strengthens the cultural and educational ties among people from 18 diverse cultural backgrounds and furthers the cause of promoting

the Turkish heritage of tolerance and understanding; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, The Council of Turkic American Alliance and the
- 2 Turkish Cultural Center of Pennsylvania serve a diverse Turkic-
- 3 American population in this Commonwealth with heritages from the
- 4 countries of: Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,
- 5 Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Americans of Turkic origin play a significant role
- 7 in the ethnic diversity of this Commonwealth by incorporating
- 8 their rich spiritual and cultural heritage and their dedication
- 9 to the responsibilities of good citizenship; therefore be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate June 29, 2017, as "Turkic
- 11 Cultural Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage all residents of
- 12 this Commonwealth to recognize the importance of this day; and
- 13 be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the efforts of the
- 15 Council of Turkic American Alliance and the Turkish Cultural
- 16 Center of Pennsylvania in promoting mutual understanding,
- 17 respect and friendship between Turkic Americans and their
- 18 neighbors.