THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY RESCHENTHALER, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, SCHWANK, STREET, EICHELBERGER, BLAKE, RAFFERTY, BARTOLOTTA, ARGALL, MENSCH, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, FARNESE, COSTA, KILLION, AUMENT, BREWSTER, WHITE, BAKER, YUDICHAK, HUGHES AND WARD, OCTOBER 17, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

Designating October 17, 2018, as "Libraries Move PA Forward Day" 1 in Pennsylvania to acknowledge the immeasurable contributions 2 made by libraries and library workers throughout this Commonwealth. 4 5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania libraries provide resources, staff and 6 expertise that uplift the communities that they serve; and 7 WHEREAS, Library resources may be accessed in person or through online methods 24 hours a day, and building hours 8 9 include evening and weekend availability; and 10 WHEREAS, Library resources range from Internet and computer access to curriculum-based courses, learning materials and 11 technology such as 3-D printers; and 12 13 WHEREAS, Professional librarians connect patrons with 14 programs, research and materials with equal access and 15 accessibility regardless of one's financial status; and

WHEREAS, Professional librarians are specially educated with

graduate degrees to encourage information literacy, research and

18 knowledge acquisition; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, Librarians support all ages and groups of
- 2 individuals, including toddlers, early learners, school-age
- 3 youth, teens, young adults, families and senior citizens, with
- 4 appropriate expertise and targeted resources; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Librarians recognize that literacy and knowledge are
- 6 essential to success, and libraries encourage not only basic
- 7 literacy, but also information, civic and social, financial and
- 8 health literacy through the PA Forward initiative and Star
- 9 Library framework; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Libraries and librarians are dedicated to enhancing
- 11 literacy through providing resources, programs and even
- 12 individual training; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Libraries and librarians work collaboratively with
- 14 schools and educational organizations, employers, employees and
- 15 job seekers and government programs and resources; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Libraries and library staff in public, special,
- 17 school and academic libraries across this Commonwealth
- 18 contribute and enhance the success of our residents; therefore
- 19 be it
- 20 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate October 17, 2018, as
- 21 "Libraries Move PA Forward Day" in Pennsylvania to acknowledge
- 22 the immeasurable contributions made by libraries and library
- 23 workers throughout this Commonwealth.