
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, RUBLEY, BARD, SCHRODER,
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E. Z. TAYLOR, NOVEMBER 21, 1995

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 21, 1995

A RESOLUTION

1 Observing November 1995 as "Native American Heritage Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The month of November has been observed as Native
4 American Heritage Month since 1990, by Presidential
5 Proclamation; and

6 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is rich in Native American history
7 and has an ongoing reliance on the unique cultural contributions
8 of its Native American residents; and

9 WHEREAS, According to the 1990 U.S. Census, 15,976 residents
10 of this Commonwealth identify themselves as Native Americans;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, These figures show an increase of over 5,000 since
13 the 1980 U.S. Census, attributable in part to an increased
14 willingness Native Americans have to acknowledge the pride they
15 hold for their heritage and also attributable to the influx into
16 this Commonwealth of new residents with a Native American
17 heritage; and

1 WHEREAS, The median age of Native Americans in this
2 Commonwealth is 31.4 years; and

3 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has no reservations, creating a
4 Native American community in Pennsylvania which is interspersed,
5 difficult to identify and difficult to target for social
6 programs which might be beneficial and appropriate; and

7 WHEREAS, Expressions of appreciation and respect for the
8 Native American communities in this Commonwealth, for their
9 ongoing cultural contributions and for the diversity represented
10 within these communities are long overdue; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
12 Pennsylvanians to join it in observing November 1995 as "Native
13 American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.