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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 483      Session of  
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TRAVAGLIO, ZIMMERMAN, COLAFELLA, HALUSKA, CORRIGAN, BISHOP,  
OLASZ, B. SMITH, CALTAGIRONE, WILT, SEYFERT, HARHAI, ZUG,  
SAYLOR, TRUE, CHADWICK, MILLER, HESS, SATHER, DALEY, BROWNE,  
MANDERINO AND E. Z. TAYLOR, JUNE 4, 1998

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 4, 1998

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 21 through 27, 1998, as "Native  
2 American Recognition Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, According to the 1990 Federal census, 15,976 Native  
4 Americans reside in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, Every county of this Commonwealth has a Native  
6 American population; and

7 WHEREAS, One of the key concepts of Native American  
8 philosophy is sharing. By communicating traditional Native  
9 American principles, Native Americans strive to foster an  
10 understanding of the relationship between the earth and  
11 spiritual matters; and

12 WHEREAS, The arrival of the summer solstice on June 21 is a  
13 most meaningful time for many Native Americans who observe the

1 month of June by worshiping the Great Spirit for the gift of  
2 sun, planting crops and celebrating and renewing old friendships  
3 and cultivating new ones; and

4 WHEREAS, By sharing their beliefs and principles, Native  
5 Americans enrich the lives of all residents of this  
6 Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, The willingness to share and numerous other  
8 contributions of Native Americans merit special recognition;  
9 therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
11 week of June 21 through 27, 1998, as "Native American  
12 Recognition Week" in Pennsylvania.