

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 913 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY BRIGGS, JOSEPHS, FRANKEL, K. BOYLE, BRENNAN,
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OCTOBER 12, 2012

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 12, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2012 as "LGBT History Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For nearly two decades the month of October has been
4 recognized nationwide as "LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and
5 transgender) History Month"; and

6 WHEREAS, The month of October is celebrated as a time to
7 acknowledge and commemorate the historic contributions of LGBT
8 Americans and mark honest and authentic lives with National
9 Coming Out Day on October 11; and

10 WHEREAS, National organizations including GLAAD, the Human
11 Rights Campaign, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the
12 National Education Association and Statewide organizations such
13 as Equality Pennsylvania and others have strongly endorsed LGBT
14 History Month; and

15 WHEREAS, LGBT Pennsylvanians, such as artist Andy Warhol,
16 environmentalist Rachel Carson, lyricist and theater producer
17 Stephen Sondheim and civil rights leader Bayard Rustin, have all

1 made important and long-lasting contributions to American
2 history and culture; and

3 WHEREAS, An increasing recognition of and appreciation for
4 our Nation's and our State's LGBT individuals will serve to
5 increase community understanding, equality and inclusiveness;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, We owe a great deal of gratitude to those persons
8 who have pioneered the way toward greater civil rights and
9 equality; and

10 WHEREAS, Months commemorating and honoring the LGBT members
11 of our community have been enacted in the past by United States
12 presidents, governors and mayors; and

13 WHEREAS, LGBT History Month draws our collective attention to
14 the experience of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender
15 Pennsylvanians, reminding us of the diverse and inclusive
16 principles upon which Pennsylvania and our great nation were
17 founded and have grown; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
19 month of October 2012 as "LGBT History Month" in Pennsylvania;
20 and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
22 commend the observation of "LGBT History Month" to our citizenry
23 and to our culture and urge all Pennsylvanians to take the
24 opportunity to learn and reflect upon this nation's struggle for
25 equality and respect for all.