
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 11, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 13, 2013, as "Pennsylvania Industrial Resource
2 Centers Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The seven Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Centers
4 (IRCs) located strategically throughout this Commonwealth and
5 their dedicated staff members help small and medium-sized
6 manufacturing enterprises respond to changing markets, new
7 technology and the competitive pressure of the global economy;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Small and medium-sized manufacturers are critical to
10 the health and prosperity of the Pennsylvania economy and make
11 up 92% of the manufacturing establishments in this Commonwealth;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania IRCs have provided sustained
14 performance through more than 30,000 projects for more than
15 9,200 firms since 1988; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania IRCs work with hundreds of closely

1 aligned professional manufacturing consultants that serve every
2 corner of this Commonwealth and draw resources from a strong
3 Statewide network and nationwide system; and

4 WHEREAS, Each year, Pennsylvania IRCs work with manufacturers
5 to innovate, grow profitable sales and create jobs in this
6 Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Many thousands of manufacturing CEOs use
8 Pennsylvania IRCs to keep up with the challenges of their global
9 markets, new innovations in products and processes, increasing
10 diversity in the work force, as well as the changing landscape
11 of government resources and regulations; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania IRCs play a liaison role among the
13 business community, economic development partners, elected
14 officials and manufacturing leaders and policymakers; and

15 WHEREAS, Collectively, Pennsylvania IRCs impact the regional
16 economy by improving profitability, creating jobs and
17 reinvesting in businesses; and

18 WHEREAS, The economic impact of services provided by
19 Pennsylvania IRCs over the last ten years equated to
20 \$7,395,185,729 in increased and retained sales, \$942,317,977 in
21 cost savings and \$1,443,369,811 in investments made; and

22 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania IRCs have supported the creation and
23 retention of 59,029 jobs in this Commonwealth over the last ten
24 years; and

25 WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2011-2012, 780 of the hundreds of
26 manufacturers that the seven IRCs work with were independently
27 surveyed, reporting the impact of the IRCs to include
28 \$718,542,750 in sales increased and retained, \$90,358,032 in
29 savings, \$106,257,754 in investment and 4,955 jobs created and
30 retained; and

1 WHEREAS, The IRCs are the Commonwealth's only program
2 dedicated to manufacturing and making Pennsylvania a global
3 leader in manufacturing, which is the largest contributor to
4 gross State product, the employer of more than half a million
5 people in this Commonwealth and provides the family-sustaining,
6 high average annual wage of \$55,243; and

7 WHEREAS, A highly advanced, globally competitive base of
8 manufacturers is critical to the future and economic growth of
9 Pennsylvania; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize March
11 13, 2013, as "Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Centers Day" in
12 Pennsylvania, salute the exemplary contributions that
13 Pennsylvania IRCs have made to the citizens and businesses of
14 this Commonwealth and extend best wishes for continued
15 leadership and service in the years to come.