
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 922 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY COHEN, FRANKEL, McNEILL, O'BRIEN, SANTARSIERO,
SCHLOSSBERG, THOMAS AND YOUNGBLOOD, JUNE 25, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 25, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 26, 2014, as the one-year anniversary of the
2 United States Supreme Court decisions leading to the freedom
3 to marry for gay couples in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, On June 26, 2013, the United States Supreme Court
5 struck down section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act of 1996
6 (Public Law 104-199, 1 U.S.C. § 7), which denied legally married
7 same-sex couples over 1,100 protections and responsibilities of
8 marriage; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court has affirmed that
10 all loving and committed couples who marry deserve equal legal
11 respect and treatment; and

12 WHEREAS, United States District Court Judge John E. Jones III
13 struck down Pennsylvania's ban on same-sex marriage on May 20,
14 2014; and

15 WHEREAS, The struggle for equality among lesbian, gay,
16 bisexual and transgender people is the modern face of the Civil
17 Rights Movement; and

18 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has often been a proud leader in

1 recognizing basic human rights and in fighting against
2 discrimination; and

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania law requires that equal rights shall
4 not be denied on account of the sex of any person; therefore be
5 it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the
7 continued fight for equality for all people by recognizing the
8 need to extend equal protections in employment, housing and
9 public accommodations to everyone, regardless of sexual
10 orientation, gender identity or expression; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
12 right of gay couples to marry in this Commonwealth and across
13 the United States on the one-year anniversary of the United
14 States Supreme Court decisions in the freedom-to-marry cases and
15 in recognition of the removal of the Commonwealth's ban on same-
16 sex marriage, which ended the two-tiered system of marriage and
17 provided additional legal protections to same-sex couples.