

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2014 as "Archives Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The historical documents and records of our nation
4 and our Commonwealth provide a crucial link to our past; and

5 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes the growing
6 importance of maintaining its own legislative, committee and
7 individual member records for posterity; and

8 WHEREAS, For more than 35 years, the Archives of the House of
9 Representatives has served as the official archival repository
10 for the records of elected members, committees and
11 administrative agencies of that body; and

12 WHEREAS, These historical records and documents, if not
13 professionally collected, cataloged and preserved by dedicated
14 archivists and staff and housed in a secure location, would be
15 lost to future generations of our citizens; and

1 WHEREAS, The Archives of the House of Representatives seeks
2 to share the valuable historical information and documents in
3 its holdings with researchers, legislators, staff members and
4 the public; and

5 WHEREAS, These records are accessible through many programs,
6 including the collection of House Committee records from 1971 to
7 the present, an interactive online biographical directory of
8 members dating from 1900 to the present and an extensive
9 collection of oral history interviews with legislators, which
10 include first-hand accounts of life as a legislator, providing
11 scholars and citizens alike with the ability to consult and
12 utilize these historically valuable resources; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
14 invaluable contribution of its archival repository and its
15 committed staff members; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
17 month of October 2014 as "Archives Month" in Pennsylvania; and
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
20 Pennsylvanians to visit their local archives, historical
21 repositories and libraries to learn more about the contributions
22 of historical documents and records to the discovery of the rich
23 heritage of this Commonwealth.