

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 8 through 13, 2013, as "Community  
2 Banking Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For more than 200 years, Pennsylvania's community  
4 financial institutions have provided the local support that  
5 Commonwealth communities need to prosper and grow; and

6 WHEREAS, Today, more than 200 community banks in this  
7 Commonwealth continue the tradition of giving back to their  
8 local communities through nearly 1,300 banking offices; and

9 WHEREAS, With more than \$90 billion in assets, community  
10 banks know that when money stays in a town it becomes a  
11 renewable resource, creating an economic cycle that constantly  
12 revitalizes and stimulates local communities; and

13 WHEREAS, These banks have made significant contributions to  
14 the economic well-being of this Commonwealth through their  
15 financial support, their dedication as good neighbors and, above  
16 all, their service as financially sound and reliable sources of

1 economic lifeblood in our communities; and

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's community banks focus on the  
3 prosperity of individuals and small businesses in their  
4 hometowns and also enjoy the trust of their customers; and

5 WHEREAS, Community banks have reinvested, on average, 95% of  
6 their loan portfolios in their own communities through  
7 residential mortgages and commercial and agricultural loans; and

8 WHEREAS, Community banks play a significant role in local  
9 economic development efforts, stimulating the economy to produce  
10 jobs and new opportunities and, as a group, being an important  
11 and strong part of this Commonwealth's economic fabric; and

12 WHEREAS, Neighbors are helping neighbors build their homes,  
13 save for higher education, plan for retirement and fulfill other  
14 dreams through community banks; and

15 WHEREAS, Community banks have continued their strong  
16 tradition of small business lending in spite of difficult  
17 economic conditions so that they may strengthen and support this  
18 Commonwealth's economy; and

19 WHEREAS, Community banks have long helped in the development  
20 of our communities and this Commonwealth as a whole, which look  
21 forward to many more contributions from community banks;  
22 therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of April 8  
24 through 13, 2013, as "Community Banking Week" in Pennsylvania.