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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating December 3, 2013, as "International Day of Persons  
2 with Disabilities" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More than one billion people or 15% of the world's  
4 population are living with disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, Persons with disabilities face physical, social and  
6 economic barriers that make it challenging for them to fully  
7 participate as equal members of society; and

8 WHEREAS, Following decades of work by the United Nations to  
9 change attitudes and approaches to disability, the international  
10 disability movement achieved an extraordinary advance in 2006  
11 with the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons  
12 with Disabilities; and

13 WHEREAS, On September 23, 2013, the United Nations General  
14 Assembly convened a high-level meeting on disability and  
15 development with heads of state to develop a framework to  
16 translate the international commitment for a disability-

1 inclusive society into concrete action; and

2 WHEREAS, The International Day of Persons with Disabilities  
3 will be celebrated around the globe on December 3, 2013, as the  
4 date the outcome document from the September 23, 2013, meeting  
5 will be published; and

6 WHEREAS, The outcome document will provide a blueprint to  
7 launch global efforts to realize the full and equal  
8 participation of persons with disabilities; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate December 3, 2013, as  
10 "International Day of Persons with Disabilities" in Pennsylvania  
11 to raise awareness of the goal of full and equal enjoyment of  
12 human rights and participation in society by persons with  
13 disabilities.