

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2014 as "Polish American
2 Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This year marks the 405th anniversary of Polish
4 settlers arriving in the United States of America; and

5 WHEREAS, People of Polish heritage will mark the 234th
6 anniversary of the death of General Casimir Pulaski, father of
7 the American cavalry, and the 102nd anniversary of Marie
8 Sklodowska Curie's receipt of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for
9 her discovery of radioactive elements polonium and radium; and

10 WHEREAS, People of Polish heritage have contributed greatly
11 to global advancement and advancement of the United States and
12 Pennsylvania in particular in the 405 years since the first
13 Polish immigrants settled here; and

14 WHEREAS, People of Polish heritage have demonstrated
15 exceptional skills in the fields of acting, accounting, art,
16 dentistry, education, engineering, entertainment, general labor,
17 government, law, literature, management, mathematics, medicine,

1 the military, music, philosophy, poetry, sports and many other
2 endeavors; and

3 WHEREAS, Polish people are recognized for their strong work
4 ethic and outstanding achievements; and

5 WHEREAS, Polish notables include Ignacy Jan Paderewski, one
6 of the most famous and popular pianists of all time and an
7 advocate for Polish freedom, who was born 153 years ago in
8 Warsaw and who died in 1941 in New York City; and

9 WHEREAS, Other Polish notables include Revolutionary War
10 heroes Casimir Pulaski and Thaddeus Kosciuszko; Leopold
11 Stokowski, a renowned international conductor; Zbigniew
12 Brzezinski, National Security Advisor to President Carter; and
13 Edmund Muskie, a United States Senator from Maine; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians of Polish heritage have made many
15 contributions to our nation; and

16 WHEREAS, These Pennsylvanians include Cardinal John Krol of
17 Philadelphia, baseball great Stan Musial of Donora and singer
18 Bobby Vinton of Canonsburg; and

19 WHEREAS, The Polish people have many reasons to be proud of
20 and to celebrate their heritage, culture and the achievements of
21 their people; and

22 WHEREAS, All Pennsylvanians are grateful for the many
23 contributions of Poland and its citizens to our Commonwealth;
24 therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2014
26 as "Polish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.