
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 24, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 23 through 29, 2016, as "Explore
2 PA Outdoors Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's diverse nature and beauty provide a
4 perfect setting for outdoor activities; and

5 WHEREAS, There are so many different outdoor activities that
6 Pennsylvania offers, including hunting, fishing, boating, all-
7 terrain vehicle riding, trapping, horseback riding, biking,
8 hiking, camping and the observing of birds, wildlife and more;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, One of the most popular outdoor activities in
11 Pennsylvania is hunting, with millions of acres allocated for
12 hunting game provided on both private and public land, and with
13 the most sought-after animals in Pennsylvania being the white-
14 tailed deer, the black bear and the wild turkey; and

15 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's immense network of waterways provides
16 its residents with great fishing locations and more than 85,000
17 miles of streams and rivers and 4,000 inland lakes and ponds

1 covering 160,000 acres; and

2 WHEREAS, Fishing events are held throughout this State on a
3 year-round basis, encouraging Pennsylvania families and children
4 to join a fun activity that also has a positive impact on the
5 environment; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's successful trout-stocking program
7 ensures that Pennsylvania waters have an abundance of trout year
8 round, with the largest restocking completed before trout season
9 begins in April; and

10 WHEREAS, The Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania is one of the
11 most popular hiking locations in the world, and this
12 Commonwealth has a vast variety of State parks where visitors
13 can see waterfalls and wildlife; and

14 WHEREAS, There are 120 State parks in Pennsylvania, all of
15 which are free and open to the public; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania State parks preserve priceless historic
17 sites, maintain the State's natural beauty and provide a wide
18 range of outdoor activities for all to enjoy; and

19 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Game Commission owns and manages,
20 for wildlife and recreation, nearly 1.5 million acres of State
21 game lands throughout this Commonwealth; and

22 WHEREAS, Lawful hunting and trapping are permitted on State
23 game lands during open seasons; and

24 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is bursting with so many diverse
25 species of flora and fauna, as well as a variety of unique
26 ecosystems allowing for phenomenal opportunities for bird and
27 wildlife sightings; and

28 WHEREAS, There are many opportunities to view the wildlife in
29 Pennsylvania with either special-interest groups or by going on
30 independent outings; and

1 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania provides a rich and unique variety of
2 ecosystems ranging from mountains to lakes, allowing
3 Pennsylvanians to experience nature in all its splendor;
4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of October 23
6 through 29, 2016, as "Explore PA Outdoors Week" in Pennsylvania.