
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 412 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY PHILLIPS-HILL, DAVIDSON, BIZZARRO, CHARLTON,
CORBIN, DEAN, DRISCOLL, DUSH, GROVE, HAHN, HENNESSEY,
HICKERNELL, KINSEY, KNOWLES, MACKENZIE, MALONEY, MILLARD,
MURT, NEILSON, PASHINSKI, PICKETT, READSHAW, ROZZI, RYAN,
SANTORA, SCHLOSSBERG, SONNEY, TOOHL, WARREN, MADDEN,
LONGIETTI, FREEMAN AND BAKER, JUNE 21, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 21, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of August 7 through 11, 2017, as "YMCA
2 Advocacy Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania maintains more YMCAs than any other
4 state in the United States, with 65 associations and 109 branch
5 locations; and

6 WHEREAS, The YMCA is a charitable, nonprofit organization
7 committed to ensuring no individual will be denied services or
8 participation in YMCA programs, including child care, day and
9 summer camps or YMCA membership, because of economic hardship;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania YMCAs have more than 900,000 members
12 and more than 180,000 individuals participating in programs and
13 services for children and families, teens and older adults; and

14 WHEREAS, The YMCA promotes youth development, healthy living
15 and social responsibility in a variety of programs and services

1 to more than 1 million people of all ages, backgrounds, faiths
2 and income levels; and

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania YMCAs are the largest child-care
4 service providers in this Commonwealth, subsidizing the care of
5 one in five children, which service is valued at more than \$11
6 million; and

7 WHEREAS, YMCAs provide long-term and short-term housing to
8 fight homelessness in this Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, YMCAs depend on the outstanding efforts of more than
10 34,000 volunteers who provide valuable community services across
11 this Commonwealth serving as child-care aides, swim instructors,
12 tutors, mentors, coaches, chaperones and advocates, with
13 volunteer hours exceeding \$8 million in value; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania YMCAs emphasize and maintain the core
15 values of honesty, caring, respect and responsibility in all
16 operations; and

17 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania YMCAs uphold the standards of
18 accountability, ethics, responsibility and transparency
19 entrusted upon them by the public as charitable organizations,
20 standing as leaders of the nonprofit community; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
22 week of August 7 through 11, 2017, as "YMCA Advocacy Week" in
23 Pennsylvania.