THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 95

Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY GORDNER, BROOKS, LANGERHOLC, EICHELBERGER, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, MARTIN, YAW, GREENLEAF, ARGALL, WARD, FOLMER, SCARNATI, AUMENT, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, MENSCH, BREWSTER, COSTA, SCAVELLO, HUTCHINSON, BARTOLOTTA, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES AND BAKER, APRIL 26, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing May 4, 2017, as the "National Day of Prayer" in
- 2 Pennsylvania and encouraging the celebration of religious
- 3 freedom.
- WHEREAS, The "National Day of Prayer" is a day set aside to
- 5 pray for our nation; and
- 6 WHEREAS, In 1952, Congress passed Public Law 82-324, which
- 7 calls on citizens of the United States to reaffirm the role of
- 8 prayer in our society and to respect the freedom of religion;
- 9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, The act of June 28, 1996 (P.L.422, No.61), provides
- 11 that the first Thursday in May of each year is designated as
- 12 "Commonwealth Day of Prayer and Celebration of Religious
- 13 Freedom"; and
- 14 WHEREAS, The designated day, the first Thursday of May,
- 15 belongs to all citizens; and
- 16 WHEREAS, This annual event was not created for political
- 17 reasons or to promote any other agenda except prayer; and

- 1 WHEREAS, We pray for our leaders, for our communities, for
- 2 our families, for our children and for each other; and
- 3 WHEREAS, "National Day of Prayer" is a day to ask for
- 4 healing, to heal our nation and to bring us together in true
- 5 unity; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Prayer is regarded by millions of people as the most
- 7 important utterance for the benefit of humankind; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Our nation was founded by single-minded men and
- 9 women who sought wisdom through prayer; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Prayer has aided many people throughout the history
- 11 of our nation and this Commonwealth when support and guidance
- 12 were needed; therefore be it
- 13 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize May 4, 2017, as "National
- 14 Day of Prayer" in Pennsylvania.