## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 95 <br> 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

Recognizing May 4, 2017, as the "National Day of Prayer" in Pennsylvania and encouraging the celebration of religious freedom.

WHEREAS, The "National Day of Prayer" is a day set aside to pray for our nation; and

WHEREAS, In 1952, Congress passed Public Law 82-324, which calls on citizens of the United States to reaffirm the role of prayer in our society and to respect the freedom of religion; and

WHEREAS, The act of June 28, 1996 (P.L.422, No.61), provides that the first Thursday in May of each year is designated as "Commonwealth Day of Prayer and Celebration of Religious Freedom"; and

WHEREAS, The designated day, the first Thursday of May, belongs to all citizens; and

WHEREAS, This annual event was not created for political reasons or to promote any other agenda except prayer; and

WHEREAS, We pray for our leaders, for our communities, for our families, for our children and for each other; and WHEREAS, "National Day of Prayer" is a day to ask for healing, to heal our nation and to bring us together in true unity; and

WHEREAS, Prayer is regarded by millions of people as the most important utterance for the benefit of humankind; and WHEREAS, Our nation was founded by single-minded men and women who sought wisdom through prayer; and WHEREAS, Prayer has aided many people throughout the history of our nation and this Commonwealth when support and guidance were needed; therefore be it RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize May 4, 2017, as "National Day of Prayer" in Pennsylvania.

