
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 286 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY KRUEGER, HOWARD, SANCHEZ, KAZEEM, KINSEY, HADDOCK,
SCHLOSSBERG, HILL-EVANS, HANBIDGE, DELLOSO, MENTZER, CERRATO,
STEELE, JOZWIAK, McNEILL, O'MARA, D. WILLIAMS, GREEN AND
KHAN, DECEMBER 28, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, DECEMBER 28, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 13, 2024, as "K9 Veterans Awareness and
2 Services Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Throughout the history of this Commonwealth and the
4 nation, thousands of dogs and their handlers, trainers and other
5 helpers have served in the military, law enforcement and various
6 other capacities with honor, dignity and valor to protect life,
7 liberty and property; and

8 WHEREAS, The official United States K9 Corps was created on
9 March 13, 1942, for service in World War II and beyond; and

10 WHEREAS, Joseph J. White, a retired military working dog
11 handler, established "K9 Veterans Day," an annual day of
12 recognition on March 13 to raise awareness throughout the
13 country of the important services dogs and their handlers,
14 trainers and other helpers provide in the military, law
15 enforcement and various other capacities; and

16 WHEREAS, Many residents of this Commonwealth participate in

1 working dog training and operational activities to protect lives
2 and property; and

3 WHEREAS, Dogs and their handlers, trainers and other helpers
4 are involved in customs, search and rescue, border patrol,
5 police services, Secret Service and drug enforcement and serve
6 in many other capacities, all of which deserve recognition; and

7 WHEREAS, Military working dogs save and protect our way of
8 life in this Commonwealth and the nation through their roles in
9 the war on terror and other military conflicts; and

10 WHEREAS, The military, law enforcement and many other
11 government agencies and groups recognize working dogs as being
12 loyal, loving and devoted; and

13 WHEREAS, Working dogs are known for placing themselves in
14 harm's way to protect their handlers, trainers and other
15 helpers; and

16 WHEREAS, "K9 Veterans Awareness and Services Day" also
17 recognizes service dogs that help people with disabilities and
18 support animals for people with mental health issues; therefore
19 be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
21 13, 2024, as "K9 Veterans Awareness and Services Day" in
22 Pennsylvania to acknowledge, support and express gratitude for
23 the laudable services provided by working dogs and their
24 handlers, trainers and other helpers; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
26 government agencies and other groups that use working dogs to
27 make efforts on March 13, 2024, to recognize and appreciate the
28 protection and assistance working dogs provide to this
29 Commonwealth and the nation.