
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 842 Session of
2012

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JAMES, PASHINSKI, HORNAMAN, FREEMAN, GOODMAN AND FLECK,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 236th anniversary of the ratification of the
2 Pennsylvania Constitution of September 28, 1776.

3 WHEREAS, September 28, 2012, marks the 236th anniversary of
4 the ratification of the Pennsylvania Constitution; and

5 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Constitution of 1776 predates and
6 served as a model for the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of
7 the United States, which did not take effect until 1789; and

8 WHEREAS, Following the Declaration of Independence,
9 Pennsylvania crafted its first Constitution, one which declared
10 a bill of rights and a structure for State government; and

11 WHEREAS, Heavily influenced by William Penn, our declaration
12 of rights held that all men have a right to life, liberty,
13 property, happiness and safety; and

14 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Constitution of 1776 lifted

1 restrictions on voting, in which all tax-paying, free men were
2 entitled to vote, created a unicameral legislature and included
3 provisions for reapportionment; and

4 WHEREAS, Described as the most democratic Constitution in
5 America, the Pennsylvania Constitution ensures basic rights to
6 our citizens, outlines the structure of our government and
7 provides the rules by which our Representatives are elected and
8 how they conduct the business of the State; and

9 WHEREAS, The articles and amendments of the Pennsylvania
10 Constitution encompass the fundamental laws of our State;
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
13 celebrate September 28, 2012, as the 236th anniversary of the
14 ratification of the Pennsylvania Constitution of September 28,
15 1776.