
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 21, 2019, as "International Day of Peace,"
2 expressing support of its ideals and principles and
3 encouraging Pennsylvanians to meaningfully engage in this
4 worldwide event.

5 WHEREAS, The ideal of peace encompasses the deepest hopes of
6 all peoples and remains humanity's guiding inspiration; and

7 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth was founded by William Penn on the
8 principles of peace, freedom and equality; and

9 WHEREAS, The United Nations believes in this same vision and
10 works to promote the ideals and principles of peace and human
11 rights across the globe; and

12 WHEREAS, The United Nations' "International Day of Peace," or
13 "Peace Day," established in 1981, offers a global opportunity on
14 September 21 to "commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace
15 within and among all nations and peoples" and to take meaningful
16 and practical action for peace; and

17 WHEREAS, On September 21, individuals, organizations and
18 governments come together through engaging in diverse "Peace
19 Day" activities related to the arts, the environment, education,

1 global and intercultural topics, spirituality and faith, health
2 and nonviolence; and

3 WHEREAS, Meaningful engagement in "Peace Day" contributes to
4 creating a culture of peace; and

5 WHEREAS, "Peace Day Philly," an NGO affiliated with the
6 United Nations, is the Philadelphia region initiative for
7 "International Day of Peace" and promotes, collaborates on and
8 offers wide-ranging programs related to personal, local and
9 global peace during the week in which "Peace Day" falls; and

10 WHEREAS, "Peace Day" activities take place not only in the
11 Philadelphia region but in cities and towns across this
12 Commonwealth, nation and world; and

13 WHEREAS, The universal statement shared at "Peace Day"
14 events, "May Peace Prevail on Earth," brings together
15 individuals of all faiths, backgrounds and cultures; and

16 WHEREAS, The 2019 global "Peace Day" theme is "Climate Action
17 for Peace," which draws attention to the importance of combating
18 climate change as a way to protect and promote peace throughout
19 the world; and

20 WHEREAS, The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio
21 Guterres states that "nature does not negotiate" and "it is
22 possible to achieve our goals, but we need decisions, political
23 will and transformational policies to allow us to still live in
24 peace with our own climate"; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 21, 2019, as
26 "International Day of Peace," express support for its ideals and
27 principles and encourage Pennsylvanians to meaningfully engage
28 in this worldwide event.