
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 629 Session of
2002

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 26, 2002

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of August 2002 as "Ukrainian Heritage
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Ukrainian citizens from around the world are
4 celebrating the 11th anniversary of Ukrainian independence; and

5 WHEREAS, Independence, long only a dream, began to take the
6 form of a real possibility as early as the 1980s; and

7 WHEREAS, Following Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's
8 efforts to restructure the government with a new openness,
9 people in Ukraine responded with political will and intellectual
10 revival; and

11 WHEREAS, By 1988 a religious revival was also underway in
12 Ukraine, with celebrations, open observances and official
13 registration and recognition; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1990 workers became organized; and

1 WHEREAS, The Ukrainian Parliament, in emergency session,
2 declared the full independence of Ukraine on August 24, 1991,
3 and a December referendum confirmed this new status; and

4 WHEREAS, Ukraine has grown stronger and more unified; and

5 WHEREAS, With the signing of the Nuclear Nonproliferation
6 Treaty, Ukraine made the choice to voluntarily surrender all
7 nuclear weapons and help promote worldwide nuclear disarmament;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Ukraine is recognized by more than 150 nations, has
10 signed numerous treaties and is a partner in NATO's Partnership
11 for Peace; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, in recognition
13 of all persons of Ukrainian ancestry, designate the month of
14 August 2002 as "Ukrainian Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.