

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 754 Session of 2010

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 20, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 8 through 16, 2010, as "National
2 Travel and Tourism Week" and April 21, 2010, as "Tourism Day"
3 in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The week of May 8 through 16, 2010, has been
5 selected as "National Travel and Tourism Week"; and

6 WHEREAS, "National Travel and Tourism Week" was established
7 in 1983, when the Congress of the United States passed a joint
8 resolution designating a week in May 1984 as "National Tourism
9 Week," and, in a White House ceremony, President Ronald Reagan
10 signed a Presidential proclamation asking citizens to observe
11 the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

12 WHEREAS, Emphasizing the fact that "Travel Matters,"
13 organizations across the nation are highlighting the jobs and
14 benefits that travel and tourism bring to our economies; and

15 WHEREAS, In the United States, tourism employs more than 7

1 million people; and

2 WHEREAS, More than 50 million international tourists visit
3 the United States each year, generating over \$120 billion for
4 the economy of this country; and

5 WHEREAS, On April 21, tourism industry leaders from across
6 our Commonwealth will take part in "Tourism Day" in Pennsylvania
7 to provide an opportunity to share their perspective on key
8 issues impacting their business and employees; and

9 WHEREAS, Tourism is the second-largest industry in
10 Pennsylvania and a major contributor to the economy of this
11 Commonwealth, providing approximately \$28 billion in revenue and
12 \$10.7 billion in wages and benefits, and accounting for nearly
13 7% of all individuals employed in this Commonwealth with a work
14 force of 400,000 people; and

15 WHEREAS, Even in our troubled economy, tourism has proven
16 itself to be a growth industry while others in the nation and in
17 this Commonwealth are in decline; and

18 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania remains the 4th most visited state in
19 the country; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
21 week of May 8 through 16, 2010, as "National Travel and Tourism
22 Week" and April 21, 2010, as "Tourism Day" in Pennsylvania.