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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 20, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 19 through 25, 2009, as "National
2 Volunteer Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Volunteer Week" offers the opportunity to
4 thank some of the nation's most valuable citizens and to
5 recognize the myriad of ways that volunteers improve American
6 communities; and

7 WHEREAS, Established in 1974, "National Volunteer Week" began
8 when President Richard M. Nixon signed an executive order to
9 establish the week as an annual celebration; and

10 WHEREAS, Volunteers have the power to inspire by example
11 because they encourage the people receiving help and also
12 motivate people to serve; and

13 WHEREAS, This year's theme, "Celebrating People in Action,"
14 captures the meaning behind this signature week, honoring the
15 individuals who dedicate themselves to taking action and solving
16 problems in local communities; and

1 WHEREAS, Volunteers are at the center of social change and
2 have the power to make a difference, because giving of oneself
3 in service to another empowers both the giver and the recipient;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, "National Volunteer Week" focuses attention on
6 celebrating people who strive to renew our national commitment
7 and the culture of service that has shaped America; and

8 WHEREAS, The Hands On Network, which is generated by the
9 Points of Light Institute, is a national nonprofit organization
10 whose core mission is to inspire, equip and mobilize people to
11 take action that changes the world and has a network of more
12 than 250 affiliates which serve in all 50 states and ten
13 countries and in 2007 alone helped to deliver more than 33
14 million hours of volunteer service; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of Labor,
16 Bureau of Labor Statistics, about 61.8 million people
17 volunteered through or for an organization at least once between
18 September 2007 and September 2008; and

19 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, volunteers give of their time
20 and talents to help Pennsylvania's most vulnerable citizens,
21 including those who are homeless and hungry, elderly persons,
22 at-risk youth and citizens with disabilities; and

23 WHEREAS, Volunteers effect positive change through large and
24 small volunteer actions; and

25 WHEREAS, Volunteers are a vital component of this nation's
26 future and its citizens' combined efforts ensure a true
27 commitment of service to others; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of April 19
29 through 25, 2009, as "National Volunteer Week" in Pennsylvania.