THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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Session of 2010

INTRODUCED BY FONTANA, EARLL, ARGALL, BAKER, BOSCOLA, DINNIMAN, KASUNIC, LOGAN, RAFFERTY, STACK, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, FERLO, GREENLEAF, KITCHEN, O'PAKE, ALLOWAY, COSTA, ERICKSON, GORDNER, PILEGGI, WAUGH, M. WHITE, BRUBAKER, VOGEL, PIPPY, TOMLINSON, MUSTO, WARD AND SCARNATI, APRIL 20, 2010

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A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the week of May 8 through 16, 2010, as "National Travel and Tourism Week" in Pennsylvania and April 2 21, 2010, as "Tourism Day" in Pennsylvania. 3 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 resolution designating a week in May 1984 as "National Tourism 8 Week," and, in a White House ceremony, President Ronald Reagan signed a Presidential Proclamation urging citizens to observe 10 11 the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and 12 WHEREAS, Highlighting the fact that "Travel Matters," 13 organizations across the nation are emphasizing the jobs and benefits that travel and tourism bring to our economies. In the 14 United States, tourism employs more than 7 million people in 15 16 this country, and more than 50 million international tourists

visit the United States every year, generating more than \$120

- 1 billion for the economy of this country; and
- 2 WHEREAS, On April 21, tourism industry leaders from across
- 3 the State will take part in "Pennsylvania Tourism Day" to
- 4 provide an opportunity to share their perspective on key issues
- 5 impacting their business and employees; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Tourism is Pennsylvania's second-largest industry
- 7 and a major contributor to the economy of this Commonwealth,
- 8 providing approximately \$28 billion in revenue, \$10.7 billion in
- 9 wages and benefits, and accounting for nearly 7% of all
- 10 individuals employed in this State with a work force of 400,000
- 11 people; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Even more notable, in this economy, tourism has
- 13 proven itself to be a growth industry while others in the State
- 14 and nation are in decline. Pennsylvania remains the 4th most
- 15 visited State in the country; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of May 8 through
- 17 16, 2010, as "National Travel and Tourism Week" in Pennsylvania
- 18 and April 21, 2010, as "Tourism Day" in Pennsylvania.