

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 24, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming October 24, 2011, as "Canada Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania exported \$10,287,395,394 in merchandise
3 goods to Canada in 2010. This represents 29% of Pennsylvania's
4 worldwide sales in 2010; and

5 WHEREAS, Three hundred thirty thousand and six hundred
6 Pennsylvania jobs are supported by Canada-Pennsylvania trade;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania and Canada share several important
9 international trade corridors, including the Capitol Corridor
10 from Ottawa to Washington and the Continental One Corridor from
11 Toronto to Miami, benefiting both commerce and consumers; and

12 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania-Canada partnership boasts a healthy
13 bilateral tourism industry with more than 1.2 million combined
14 visits accounting for more than \$340 million in expenditures in
15 2009; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2010, Pennsylvania exported \$1.4 billion in

1 agriculture and food products; and

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania and Canada are partners in the
3 stewardship of the Great Lakes, the largest body of fresh water
4 in the world. The Great Lakes sustain life, provide recreation,
5 support local and regional economies and are a true natural
6 legacy of the people of both Pennsylvania and Canada; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania exported \$16,010,787 in oil and gas to
8 Canada in 2010; and

9 WHEREAS, Academic institutions in both Canada and
10 Pennsylvania are actively engaged in a number of partnerships in
11 areas, including engineering, medicine, law and the arts; and

12 WHEREAS, Both Canada and Pennsylvania are actively engaged in
13 a number of partnerships in various fields of innovative
14 technology which are laying the foundation for our economic
15 future and mutual benefit; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Flagship Niagara stands daily
17 witness to the Battle of Lake Erie, one of the historic battles
18 which made the Great Lakes region the greatest theater of
19 conflict during the War of 1812, a war which forged the destiny
20 of our continent and whose greatest legacy is 200 years of
21 peace; and

22 WHEREAS, Canada and Pennsylvania share many deep economic,
23 historical, cultural and familial ties; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate, in recognition of the strong and
25 lasting ties between Canada and the great Commonwealth of
26 Pennsylvania, proclaim October 24, 2011, as "Canada Day" in
27 Pennsylvania.