
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY STACK, TOMLINSON, KITCHEN, KASUNIC, GREENLEAF,
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VULAKOVICH, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, SOLOBAY, MENSCH,
BRUBAKER, FARNESE AND HUGHES, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2013 as "Polish American
2 Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This year marks the 405th anniversary of Polish
4 settlers arriving in the United States of America; and

5 WHEREAS, People of Polish heritage will mark the 234th
6 anniversary of the death of General Casimir Pulaski, father of
7 the American cavalry, and the 102nd anniversary of Marie
8 Sklodowska Curie's receipt of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for
9 her discovery of radioactive elements polonium and radium; and

10 WHEREAS, People of Polish heritage have contributed greatly
11 to global advancement and advancement of the United States and
12 Pennsylvania in particular in the 405 years since the first
13 Polish immigrants settled here; and

14 WHEREAS, People of Polish heritage have demonstrated
15 exceptional skills in the fields of acting, accounting, art,
16 dentistry, education, engineering, entertainment, general labor,

1 government, law, literature, management, mathematics, medicine,
2 the military, music, philosophy, poetry, sports and many other
3 endeavors; and

4 WHEREAS, Polish people are recognized for their strong work
5 ethic and outstanding achievements; and

6 WHEREAS, Polish notables include Ignacy Jan Paderewski, one
7 of the most famous and popular pianists of all time and an
8 advocate for Polish freedom, who was born 153 years ago in
9 Warsaw and who died in 1941 in New York City; and

10 WHEREAS, Other Polish notables include Revolutionary War
11 heroes Casimir Pulaski and Thaddeus Kosciuszko; Leopold
12 Stokowski, a renowned international conductor; Zbigniew
13 Brzezinski, National Security Advisor to President Carter; and
14 Edmund Muskie, a United States Senator from Maine; and

15 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians of Polish heritage have made many
16 contributions to our nation; and

17 WHEREAS, These Pennsylvanians include Cardinal John Krol of
18 Philadelphia, baseball great Stan Musial of Donora and singer
19 Bobby Vinton of Canonsburg; and

20 WHEREAS, The Polish people have many reasons to be proud of
21 and to celebrate their heritage, culture and the achievements of
22 their people; and

23 WHEREAS, All Pennsylvanians are grateful for the many
24 contributions of Poland and its citizens to our Commonwealth;
25 therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2013
27 as "Polish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.