THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 354   Session of 2014

INTRODUCED BY GORDNER, ROBBINS, GREENLEAF, ERICKSON, KITCHEN, EICHELBERGER, VULAKOVICH, DINNIMAN, SCARNATI, YAW, ARGALL, FONTANA, SOLOBAY, PILEGGI, RAFFERTY, FOLMER, WHITE, HUTCHINSON, KASUNIC, ALLOWAY, SCHWANK, COSTA, BAKER, YUDICHAK, BRUBAKER AND BROWNE, APRIL 28, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 1, 2014, as the "National Day of Prayer" in
2   Pennsylvania and encouraging the celebration of religious
3   freedom.

4   WHEREAS, The National Day of Prayer is a day set aside to

5 pray for our nation; and

6   WHEREAS, In 1952, Congress passed Public Law 82-324, which

7 calls on citizens of the United States to reaffirm the role of

8 prayer in our society and to respect the freedom of religion;

9 and

10   WHEREAS, The act of June 28, 1996 (P.L.422, No.61), provides

11 that the first Thursday in May of each year is designated as

12 "Commonwealth Day of Prayer and Celebration of Religious

13 Freedom"; and

14   WHEREAS, The designated day, the first Thursday of May,

15 belongs to all citizens; and

16   WHEREAS, This annual event was not created for political

17 reasons or to promote any other agenda except prayer; and

1   WHEREAS, We pray for our leaders, for our communities, for

2 our families, for our children and for each other; and

3   WHEREAS, The National Day of Prayer is a day to ask for

4 healing, to heal our nation and to bring us together in true

5 unity; and

6   WHEREAS, Prayer is regarded by millions as the most important

7 utterance for the benefit of humankind; and

8   WHEREAS, Our nation was founded by single-minded men and

9 women who sought wisdom through prayer; and

10   WHEREAS, Prayer has aided many people throughout the history

11 of our nation and this Commonwealth when support and guidance

12 were needed; therefore be it

13   RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize May 1, 2014, as "National

14 Day of Prayer" in Pennsylvania.