
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 10, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 3 through 9, 2015, as "National
2 Postcard Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Long before the days of e-mail, social media and
4 smart phones, postcards delivered scenes of faraway places and
5 greetings to family and friends across the country; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service began to issue
7 plain, stamped mailing cards in 1873; and

8 WHEREAS, Within 20 years a company sold "souvenir cards,"
9 which included a picture on the front and a space for the
10 address but no message on the back; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1907 the United States Postal Service allowed
12 postcard designers to divide the back of postcards so that
13 people sending them could place both an address and a message on
14 them; and

15 WHEREAS, For many people, postcards become keepsakes; and

16 WHEREAS, Sending picture postcards through the mail in this

1 country is a custom participated in by millions of its citizens,
2 and collecting postcards has developed into a hobby for many
3 people; and

4 WHEREAS, The leisure pastime of collecting and studying
5 postcards, known as deltiology, has led to the formation of 106
6 postcard clubs in the United States and more than 100 postcard
7 shows annually; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
9 week of May 3 through 9, 2015, as "National Postcard Week" in
10 Pennsylvania.