
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY FONTANA, BREWSTER, GREENLEAF, RESCHENTHALER,
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BAKER, MENSCH, VULAKOVICH, BLAKE AND YUDICHAK, MARCH 27, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 8 through 14, 2018, as "National
2 Library Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This year "National Library Week" will mark the 60th
4 anniversary of the first event, sponsored in 1958; and

5 WHEREAS, In the mid-1950s, research showed that Americans
6 were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions and
7 musical instruments; and

8 WHEREAS, Concerned that citizens were reading less, the
9 American Library Association and the American Book Publishers
10 formed a nonprofit citizens' organization with the goal of
11 encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time to
12 improve income and develop strong and healthy family life; and

13 WHEREAS, Sixty years later, our country continues to
14 celebrate "National Library Week" and the valuable contributions
15 of the various libraries, librarians and staff and the services
16 and resources they provide to people of all ages; and

1 WHEREAS, Libraries open a world of possibilities and are
2 credited with providing the fuel to move Pennsylvanians forward;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The 2018 theme, "Libraries Lead," illustrates that
5 libraries and librarians help individuals, communities and
6 schools find the resources they need to help people accomplish
7 their goals and dreams; and

8 WHEREAS, This is especially true since libraries have
9 transformed with the times and are no longer just facilities
10 that house books; and

11 WHEREAS, Today libraries offer access to such things as
12 technology and digital resources, workforce programs, homework
13 help, nutrition and physical activities, registration for health
14 care and life-planning seminars, to name a few; and

15 WHEREAS, Democracy and social change are also supported by
16 libraries through their commitment to provide equitable access
17 to information for all users regardless of race, ethnicity,
18 creed, age, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or
19 socioeconomic status; and

20 WHEREAS, During "National Library Week" people nationwide are
21 encouraged to visit a library and make it known how their local
22 libraries have led them in a positive direction; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of April 8
24 through 14, 2018, as "National Library Week" in Pennsylvania.