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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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FEBRUARY 24, 2020

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
FEBRUARY 24, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 22, 2020, as "World Water Day" in Pennsylvania  
2 in conjunction with the 2020 "World Water Day" international  
3 observance designated by the General Assembly of the United  
4 Nations.

5 WHEREAS, Access to water is a fundamental human need; and

6 WHEREAS, Safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene prevent  
7 disease and save children's lives; and

8 WHEREAS, Water scarcity and water shortages impact billions  
9 of lives worldwide; and

10 WHEREAS, In developing countries, where water collection can  
11 consume 25% of the day, 1.3 billion people are gaining access to  
12 safe drinking water through initiatives of the United Nations  
13 and other global entities; and

14 WHEREAS, Public and private entities across all continents  
15 must pursue unified water conservation work and continued  
16 investment in water infrastructure to make further progress; and

17 WHEREAS, The first "World Water Day" observance stemmed from

1 the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and  
2 Development; and

3 WHEREAS, The 2020 "World Water Day" observance is focusing on  
4 the inextricable link between water and climate change; and

5 WHEREAS, The theme for 2020 "World Water Day" is "Everyone  
6 has a role to play"; and

7 WHEREAS, The central message for this year's celebration is  
8 that the way that we use water impacts climate change and asks  
9 how can we adapt to the water effects of climate change; and

10 WHEREAS, It is important to use water more efficiently in  
11 order to reduce greenhouse gases from treatment facilities; and

12 WHEREAS, Countries around the world are holding panel  
13 discussions, forums, family events, cleanup events, rafting and  
14 kayaking trips, expositions, festivals and contests to celebrate  
15 "World Water Day" and explore innovative solutions to protect  
16 and save lives; and

17 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives affirms that clean  
18 water resources are essential to maintaining human health and  
19 environmental integrity, alleviating poverty and hunger and  
20 instituting global sustainable development; and

21 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives notes that water  
22 quantity, water quality and equal access to water resources  
23 positively impacts homes and workplaces and drives socioeconomic  
24 transformation; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize March  
26 22, 2020, as "World Water Day" in Pennsylvania in conjunction  
27 with the 2020 "World Water Day" international observance  
28 designated by the General Assembly of the United Nations.