
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 900 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY RADER, WARREN, SCHMITT, RYAN, JONES, GALLOWAY,
LONGIETTI, SCHLEGEL CULVER, BOBACK, HILL-EVANS, JAMES,
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MURT, DRISCOLL, READSHAW, MILLARD, MACKENZIE, MENTZER,
STRUZZI, THOMAS, BURNS, NEILSON, JOZWIAK, ZIMMERMAN AND
ISAACSON, JUNE 23, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
JUNE 23, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating July 17, 2020, as "Park and Recreation Professionals
2 Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to more than 6,000 local
4 parks, 121 State parks, various Federal parks and recreation
5 facilities, numerous playgrounds, pools, beaches, campsites,
6 marinas, picnic areas, athletic fields, skate parks, dog parks,
7 festival venues, gardens, visitor centers, historic and cultural
8 attractions and many other recreational facilities and
9 amenities; and

10 WHEREAS, The value and importance that Pennsylvanians place
11 on their access to parks and public spaces for their mental and
12 physical health during the COVID-19 pandemic are demonstrated by
13 a recent 128% increase in mobility to parks; and

14 WHEREAS, An April 2020 analysis by George Mason University
15 reports that local park and recreation systems in Pennsylvania

1 support 14,840 jobs and contribute \$695 million in labor income
2 and \$2.28 billion in annual economic activity in the
3 Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, Park and recreation professionals are supported by
5 thousands of volunteers who serve on boards, committees and
6 Pennsylvania trails, friends and neighborhood groups; and

7 WHEREAS, Park and recreation professionals contribute
8 significantly to the health, well-being and quality of life of
9 Pennsylvanians of all ages; and

10 WHEREAS, Park and recreation professionals bring life-
11 enriching services to residents of all ages and abilities, work
12 to keep facilities clean, safe and ready to use, strengthen
13 community cohesion and resiliency, connect people with nature
14 and each other, develop and manage a wide range of public
15 programming and provide and promote opportunities for healthy
16 living, social equity and environmental sustainability;
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate July
19 17, 2020, as "Park and Recreation Professionals Day" in
20 Pennsylvania; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Commonwealth celebrate July 17, 2020, by
22 extending its thanks and gratitude to park and recreation
23 professionals for the indispensable services that they provide
24 to our residents and our communities.