
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY GEBHARD, LANGERHOLC, BARTOLOTTA, CORMAN, ARGALL,
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PHILLIPS-HILL, COMITTA, HUGHES, BREWSTER, HUTCHINSON,
J. WARD, PITTMAN, SCHWANK, MENSCH, VOGEL, BAKER, YUDICHAK,
COSTA AND KANE, AUGUST 10, 2022

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, AUGUST 10, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the 275th anniversary of the Pennsylvania National
2 Guard.

3 WHEREAS, For 275 years, the Pennsylvania National Guard has
4 provided protection and support to the residents of Pennsylvania
5 and the nation as a whole; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1747, Benjamin Franklin created the Associators,
7 recognized as the foundation of the Pennsylvania National Guard,
8 to provide for a common defense against Indian raiders and
9 French privateers; and

10 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Assembly passed the first Militia
11 Act and formally authorized a volunteer militia in 1755; and

12 WHEREAS, During the American Revolution, Pennsylvania troops
13 escorted General George Washington to New York to take command
14 of the Continental Army in New York and supplied 6,000 troops,
15 4,500 of them Associators, for military operations; and

16 WHEREAS, During the Civil War, President Lincoln called for

1 75,000 militia volunteers to fight for the Union and more than
2 200 Pennsylvania Regiments engaged in 24 major campaigns; and

3 WHEREAS, On April 7, 1870, the term "militia" was replaced
4 with the "National Guard of Pennsylvania" (N.G.P.); and

5 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania National Guard was called up in the
6 wake of America's entry into World War I and after America
7 entered World War II in 1941, the guard fought through Normandy
8 and proved instrumental in stalling the last German offensive of
9 the war while additional regiments were detached to serve in the
10 Pacific and across the globe; and

11 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania National Guard was mobilized during
12 campaigns in Korea, Vietnam, Desert Shield and Desert Storm,
13 Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom and Operation Spartan
14 Shield; and

15 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania National Guard has been engaged in
16 peacekeeping operations and relief operations following natural
17 disaster storms and earthquakes; and

18 WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, Pennsylvania chain-of-
19 commands were activated in response to the terrorist attacks in
20 New York City, Washington, DC, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Today, the Pennsylvania National Guard is one of the
23 largest and one of the most deployed state National Guards in
24 the nation; and

25 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania National Guard have deployed,
26 worldwide, more than 35,000 times since September 11, 2001; and

27 WHEREAS, In times of war, civil strife and natural disasters,
28 the soldiers and airmen of the Pennsylvania National Guard have
29 stepped forward and lived up to the National Guard motto of
30 "Civilian in peace, Soldier in war"; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate celebrate the 275th anniversary of
2 the Pennsylvania National Guard.