
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 6, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 13, 2023, as "K9 Veterans and Services Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Throughout the history of this Commonwealth and the
4 nation, thousands of dogs and their handlers, trainers and other
5 helpers have served in the military, law enforcement and various
6 capacities with honor, dignity and valor to protect life,
7 liberty and property; and

8 WHEREAS, To this day, military and police and other working
9 dogs and their handlers, trainers and other helpers continue to
10 serve on both land and sea with honor, dignity and valor in this
11 Commonwealth, the nation and abroad; and

12 WHEREAS, The official United States K9 Corps was created on
13 March 13, 1942, for service in World War II and beyond; and

14 WHEREAS, Joseph J. White, a retired military working dog
15 handler, began an effort some years ago to establish K9 Veterans
16 Day on March 13 each year as a means to get the entire country
17 to recognize the important services provided by dogs and their

1 trainers, handlers and other helpers in the military, law
2 enforcement and otherwise to save and protect human life; and

3 WHEREAS, Many residents of this Commonwealth have
4 participated in and continue to actively participate in and
5 engage in K9 training and operational activities to protect
6 lives and property through the military, law enforcement and
7 other groups; and

8 WHEREAS, K9 services now include dogs and their handlers,
9 trainers and other helpers involved in customs, search and
10 rescue, border patrol, police services, secret service, drug
11 enforcement and many other capacities, all of which deserve
12 recognition along with the military working dogs for saving and
13 protecting our Commonwealth's and nation's way of life due to
14 the current war on terror and efforts to stop and fight crime;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The military, law enforcement and many other
17 government agencies and groups have recognized K9 dogs as being
18 loyal, loving, devoted and known for placing themselves in
19 harm's way to make the ultimate sacrifice and lay down their
20 lives for their partners, handlers, trainers and other helpers;
21 therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate March 13, 2023, as "K9
23 Veterans and Services Day" in Pennsylvania to acknowledge,
24 support and express thanks for the assistance and security
25 provided by dogs and their trainers, handlers and other helpers
26 in the military, law enforcement and other services geared
27 toward protecting life and property in this Commonwealth and the
28 nation; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all governmental agencies and
30 other groups that have and continue to use K9 services to make

1 efforts on March 13, 2023, to recognize and appreciate the
2 protection and assistance that such services provide to this
3 Commonwealth and the nation in so many ways.