

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_, District  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_, District  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_, District  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_, District  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_, District  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_

See next page for additional co-sponsors.

<b>Referred to Committee on</b>	
Date _____	20 _____
Reported _____	20 _____
<b>As Committed-Amended</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
_____	
By Hon. _____	



## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and  
2 recognizing the week of January 18 through 25, 2015, as  
3 "Martin Luther King, Jr., Week of Remembrance" in  
4 Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr., born on January 15, 1929,  
6 in Atlanta, Georgia, followed in his father's and grandfather's  
7 footsteps by becoming a Baptist minister after graduation from  
8 Morehouse College in 1948 and Crozer Theological Seminary in  
9 1951; and

10 WHEREAS, He received his doctorate from Boston University in  
11 1955; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1954, as pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist  
13 Church in Montgomery, Alabama, Dr. King organized a citywide  
14 boycott of the city's segregated busing system which led to a  
15 United States Supreme Court decision forcing desegregation of  
16 the buses; and

17 WHEREAS, Throughout this and later civil rights protests, Dr.  
18 King espoused the philosophy of nonviolent passive resistance

1 and civil disobedience; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1957, Dr. King moved back to Atlanta to join his  
3 father as associate pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church and  
4 organized the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to fight  
5 segregation and discrimination throughout the South; and

6 WHEREAS, During the following years, he was frequently  
7 arrested, beaten, jailed and threatened with violence as a  
8 result of his protest activities; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. King led a massive voter registration drive in  
10 Selma, Alabama, resulting in the famous freedom march to  
11 Montgomery, the state capital; and

12 WHEREAS, His famous march on Washington, D.C., in 1963  
13 culminated in a great rally at the Lincoln Memorial at which he  
14 gave his immortal "I have a dream" speech; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. King's efforts resulted in enactment of the  
16 Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

17 WHEREAS, His personal sacrifices and determined leadership of  
18 the civil rights movement in the United States were formally  
19 recognized in 1964 when he received the Nobel Peace Prize; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. King was assassinated in 1968 while in Memphis,  
21 Tennessee, to organize a Poor People's Campaign; and

22 WHEREAS, The third Monday of January has been designated as a  
23 national holiday in order to give all Americans an opportunity  
24 to reflect upon the profound impact Dr. King has had on life in  
25 the United States; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life  
27 and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and recognize the  
28 week of January 18 through 25, 2015, as "Martin Luther King,  
29 Jr., Week of Remembrance" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all

1 Pennsylvanians to be mindful of the spirit and work of Dr.  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr., and to remember his commitment to  
3 peaceful protest and his dedication to equality and equal  
4 protection for all mankind on the designated week of his  
5 remembrance, January 18 through 25, 2015, and throughout the  
6 year.

