

# LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

## RESOLUTION

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See next page for additional co-sponsors.

Referred to Committee on

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

Reported \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

As Committed-Amended

Recommendation

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By Hon. \_\_\_\_\_

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2016 as "Native American Month"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Native American Month" celebrates and recognizes  
4 the accomplishments of the people who were the original  
5 inhabitants, explorers and settlers of this Commonwealth and the  
6 United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Native Americans have inhabited the land that is now  
8 known as Pennsylvania for more than 5,000 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Many of the foods we eat and the medicines and  
10 remedies we use were introduced by Native Americans and more  
11 than one highway follows an original Native American trail; and

12 WHEREAS, The original inhabitants of Pennsylvania include the  
13 Erie, Iroquois, Lenape, Munsee, Shawnee and Susquehannock  
14 tribes; and

15 WHEREAS, Native American governments developed the  
16 fundamental principles of freedom of speech and separation of  
17 powers in government and these principles form the foundation of

1 the United States government today; and

2 WHEREAS, Native Americans have made distinct and important  
3 contributions to the United States and the rest of the world in  
4 many fields, including agriculture, medicine, music, language  
5 and art; and

6 WHEREAS, Native American culture and society have contributed  
7 to agricultural development, medicinal discoveries,  
8 environmental preservation, commerce, governmental institutions  
9 and structure and many other facets of our country, State and  
10 cities; and

11 WHEREAS, Most Native American tribes were forced to leave  
12 Pennsylvania during the 1700s when eastern tribes were being  
13 displaced by colonial expansion; and

14 WHEREAS, While we work together to forge a brighter future,  
15 we cannot shy away from the difficult aspects of Native American  
16 history; and

17 WHEREAS, By celebrating and honoring Native Americans, we  
18 reaffirm our commitment to respecting each tribe's identity  
19 while ensuring equal opportunity to pursue the American dream;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, We should move forward in a spirit of mutual  
22 understanding and trust, confident that future challenges will  
23 be met and our shared future remains bright; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
25 month of October 2016 as "Native American Month" in  
26 Pennsylvania; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call on all  
28 Pennsylvanians to commemorate this month with appropriate civic  
29 programs and activities to celebrate "Native American Month."