

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 21, 2017, as "Peace Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, September 21, 2017, marks the United Nations
3 International Day of Peace, otherwise known as "Peace Day"; and

4 WHEREAS, "International Day of Peace" was established by
5 United Nations Resolution 36/67, which was adopted unanimously
6 on November 30, 1981; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2001, the General Assembly of the United Nations
8 unanimously adopted resolution 55/282, which declared September
9 21 an annual day of nonviolence and cease-fire; and

10 WHEREAS, The United Nations Association of Greater
11 Philadelphia established "Peace Day Philly" with cooperation
12 from a wide range of other groups in order to promote peace and
13 nonviolence; and

14 WHEREAS, "Peace Day Philly," which organizes "Peace Day"
15 activities in the City of Brotherly Love, annually involves
16 dozens of local and international organizations in building a
17 culture of peace; and

1 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth was founded as a haven for civil
2 and religious freedom by Quakers and other immigrants who put
3 their faith not in war, but in peaceful coexistence; and

4 WHEREAS, With wars destroying lives and communities in
5 nations near and far, peace could not be more desperately
6 needed; and

7 WHEREAS, It is commendable that peace organizations promote
8 the United Nations "International Day of Peace"; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
10 September 21, 2017, as "Peace Day" in Pennsylvania.