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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating December 15, 2020, as "Bill of Rights Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The first 10 amendments to the Constitution of the  
4 United States are collectively known as the Bill of Rights; and

5 WHEREAS, The Bill of Rights became effective as amendments to  
6 the Constitution of the United States on December 15, 1791; and

7 WHEREAS, The Bill of Rights protects the rights of people and  
8 limits the powers of government; and

9 WHEREAS, The Bill of Rights reads as follows:

10 1. Congress shall make no law respecting an  
11 establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise  
12 thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press;  
13 or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to  
14 petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

15 2. A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the  
16 security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and  
17 bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

1           3. No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in  
2 any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of  
3 war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

4           4. The right of the people to be secure in their  
5 persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable  
6 searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants  
7 shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or  
8 affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be  
9 searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

10          5. No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or  
11 otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or  
12 indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the  
13 land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual  
14 service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person  
15 be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy  
16 of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case  
17 to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life,  
18 liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall  
19 private property be taken for public use, without just  
20 compensation.

21          6. In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy  
22 the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury  
23 of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been  
24 committed, which district shall have been previously  
25 ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and  
26 cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses  
27 against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining  
28 witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel  
29 for his defense.

30          7. In suits at common law, where the value in

1 controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial  
2 by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury,  
3 shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United  
4 States, than according to the rules of the common law.

5 8. Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive  
6 fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

7 9. The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain  
8 rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others  
9 retained by the people.

10 10. The powers not delegated to the United States by the  
11 Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are  
12 reserved to the States respectively, or to the people;

13 and

14 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to honor the freedoms provided to  
15 the people by the Bill of Rights; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
17 December 15, 2020, as "Bill of Rights Day" in Pennsylvania.