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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY OTTEN, GUENST, TAKAC, HOHENSTEIN, SMITH-WADE-EL,  
MADDEN, VITALI, SCHLOSSBERG, MAYES AND RABB,  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 1 through 7, 2023, as "Climate  
2 Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Section 27 of Article I of the Constitution of  
4 Pennsylvania declares that "the people have a right to clean  
5 air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic,  
6 historic and esthetic values of the environment"; and

7 WHEREAS, Climate change is real and human-made, and the  
8 impacts of climate change jeopardize both the environment and  
9 the current and future health and well-being of the residents of  
10 this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, As trustee of the public natural resources of  
12 Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth is constitutionally mandated to  
13 "conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people,"  
14 including generations yet to come; and

15 WHEREAS, The consequences of inaction on the climate crisis  
16 will be severe and potentially irreversible; and

17 WHEREAS, Climate policy and legislation that protect our

1 environment and our future generations will also create  
2 opportunities for new jobs, safe communities and a strong,  
3 sustainable economy; and

4 WHEREAS, It is the duty of elected officials to raise  
5 awareness of the importance of environmental justice and to  
6 protect the interests of all Pennsylvanians, especially those  
7 who have historically been forced to bear a disproportionate  
8 share of the adverse health, environmental and economic impacts  
9 of pollution; and

10 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Legislative Climate Caucus stands  
11 with national and global leaders who recognize that the time for  
12 climate action is now; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
14 week of October 1 through 7, 2023, as "Climate Week" in  
15 Pennsylvania; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
17 urgent need for climate action in Pennsylvania, with the goal of  
18 building a Commonwealth that is stronger, more resilient, more  
19 equitable and more sustainable for present and future  
20 generations.