
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, JUNE 10, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 10, 2015, as "Veterans Day at the Capitol 2015"
2 in Pennsylvania to highlight the accomplishments and needs of
3 Pennsylvania's veterans and to raise awareness of the issues
4 veterans face and the benefits they receive while residing in
5 this Commonwealth.

6 WHEREAS, "Veterans Day at the Capitol 2015" is a one-day
7 event designed for veterans and service members to represent
8 their organizations in Pennsylvania's Capitol Building and to
9 discuss their organizations' priorities and purpose to the
10 legislators of Pennsylvania; and

11 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Veterans Commission is
12 comprised of representatives from 15 different veteran
13 organizations, including The American Legion, AMVETS, Blinded
14 Veterans Association, Catholic War Veterans of the United States
15 of America, Disabled American Veterans, Jewish War Veterans of
16 the United States, Marine Corps League, Military Officers
17 Association of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart,
18 State Association of County Directors of Veterans' Affairs,

1 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Italian-American
2 War Veterans of the United States, The Vietnam Veterans of
3 America, American Ex-Prisoners of War and Keystone Paralyzed
4 Veterans Association; and

5 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Veterans Commission was
6 formed to represent the honorable veterans of this Commonwealth
7 and embodies the service values of veterans from various wars in
8 which the United States fought; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is committed to veterans and provides
10 various services and resources which are accessible through the
11 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the birthplace of the United States
13 Army, the United States Marine Corps and the United States Navy;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The veterans of this Commonwealth, during times of
16 war and times of peace, are fundamental citizens of this
17 Commonwealth and the communities within it; and

18 WHEREAS, Military veterans offer this Commonwealth valued
19 leadership, workmanship and neighbors based on their experiences
20 while serving in the United States military; and

21 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania veterans volunteered or were drafted to
22 defend the United States of America, to protect the citizens of
23 the United States and this Commonwealth and to preserve our
24 liberties; and

25 WHEREAS, There are nearly 1 million veterans, who are men and
26 women of all races, religions and ethnicities, that reside in
27 this Commonwealth along with their families, with service
28 spanning from World War II to the present; and

29 WHEREAS, Many veterans endure challenges to live their lives
30 to the fullest potential due to injuries, both mental and

1 physical, that they received while serving in the armed forces;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Veterans Commission provides
4 insight and recommendations about veterans' issues, needs and
5 concerns from throughout this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
7 offers assistance to Pennsylvania's veterans and their families
8 and provides quality care for aging and disabled veterans; and

9 WHEREAS, There are nearly 700,000 wartime veterans who are
10 residents of this Commonwealth, nearly 58,000 are veterans from
11 World War II, nearly 93,000 are veterans from the Korean War,
12 309,000 are veterans from the Vietnam Conflict, nearly 236,000
13 are veterans from the Persian Gulf War and nearly 83,000 are
14 veterans from the Global War on Terror; and

15 WHEREAS, The residents of this Commonwealth are grateful and
16 appreciative to all of our veterans for their selfless service
17 to this nation and the Commonwealth; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize June 10, 2015, as
19 "Veterans Day at the Capitol 2015" to highlight the
20 accomplishments and needs of Pennsylvania's veterans and to
21 raise awareness of the issues veterans face and the benefits
22 they receive while residing in this Commonwealth.