THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 26, 1990

A RESOLUTION

- Declaring April 22, 1990, as "Earth Day" and the week of April 2 22 through April 28, 1990, as "Earth Week" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Twenty years ago, April 22, 1970, an event took
- 4 place known worldwide as "Earth Day" to raise the awareness of
- 5 man about his environment; and
- 6 WHEREAS, On that day across the county 20 million people,
- 7 2,000 community groups, 10,000 schools, 2,000 campuses, and
- 8 thousands of businesses and industries participated and became
- 9 more aware of their impact upon the environment and the earth on
- 10 which we live; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Following the advent of "Earth Day" in 1970, this
- 12 nation, its Congress, and this Commonwealth took notice of the

- 1 need for people, government and business to work in harmony with
- 2 nature; and
- 3 WHEREAS, As a result of that "Earth Day," Congress created
- 4 the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Oceanic and
- 5 Atmospheric Administration, passed the Clean Water Act of 1977,
- 6 a tougher Clean Air Act, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and
- 7 other landmark legislation; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, since that first
- 9 "Earth Day," has enacted the Uniform Interstate Air Pollution
- 10 Agreements Act, the Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers Act, the
- 11 Pennsylvania Used Oil Recycling Act, the Clean and Green Act,
- 12 the Storm Water Management Act, the Building Energy Conservation
- 13 Act, the Solid Waste Management Act, the Surface Mine
- 14 Conservation and Reclamation Act, the Wild Resource Conservation
- 15 Act, the Noncoal Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation
- 16 Act, the Oil and Gas Act, the Radiation Protection Act, the
- 17 Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act, the Hazardous Sites
- 18 Cleanup Act, the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste
- 19 Reduction Act, plus many other significant environmental
- 20 statutes; and
- 21 WHEREAS, The people, the industry and the government of
- 22 Pennsylvania have been moving ahead in a joint effort on a
- 23 chartered course to improve the environment of Pennsylvania; and
- 24 WHEREAS, The celebration of the 20th anniversary of "Earth
- 25 Day" has been declared by Congress to take place on April 22,
- 26 1990; and
- 27 WHEREAS, "Earth Day" 1990 is to be celebrated in over 115
- 28 countries throughout the world, involving over 100 million
- 29 people; and
- 30 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its people, its

- 1 business and its industries should continue to lead in the
- 2 worldwide effort to recognize and act upon the need for people
- 3 to work in harmony with the environment; therefore be it
- 4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare April 22,
- 5 1990, as "Earth Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That in conjunction with "Earth Day," April 22,
- 7 1990, the House of Representatives declare the week of April 22
- 8 through April 28, 1990, as "Earth Week" in Pennsylvania; and be
- 9 it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That all citizens be urged to become involved in
- 11 projects to improve and better the environment in which they
- 12 live.