

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 362 Session of  
1996

INTRODUCED BY VITALI, NYCE, CURRY, BAKER, RUBLEY, M. N. WRIGHT,  
WALKO, DENT, LYNCH, MANDERINO, STURLA, MCGEEHAN, PESCI,  
MASLAND, CAPPABIANCA, MERRY, LEDERER, FEESE, L. I. COHEN,  
BROWNE, LAUGHLIN, SAYLOR, COY, ARGALL, LUCYK, READSHAW AND  
ROBERTS, MAY 7, 1996

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 7, 1996

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 11, 1996, as "International Migratory Bird Day"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each year on the second Saturday in May, the United  
4 States and Latin America celebrate "International Migratory Bird  
5 Day" in recognition of our need to protect the habitat critical  
6 to the survival of migratory birds; and

7 WHEREAS, "International Migratory Bird Day" is a time to  
8 build relationships with our Latin American and West Indies  
9 neighbors; and

10 WHEREAS, A 1991 Department of the Interior survey of  
11 Pennsylvania residents 16 years of age and older found that 3.6  
12 million residents feed and observe birds; and

13 WHEREAS, "International Migratory Bird Day" recognizes the  
14 economic importance of maintaining bird populations for those  
15 engaged in bird-related activities which, according to 1994  
16 Department of the Interior figures, has an economic impact in

1 Pennsylvania of \$453 million dollars, creating 6,040 jobs; and

2 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is confronted with the problems  
3 associated with migratory bird population decline, such as  
4 habitat fragmentation and loss; and

5 WHEREAS, The conservation of migratory birds depends upon  
6 preservation of natural habitats, including wetlands, forests  
7 and grasslands; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 11,  
9 1996, as "International Migratory Bird Day" in Pennsylvania; and  
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives renew its  
12 dedication and commitment to the protection of Pennsylvania's  
13 natural resources and the stewardship of natural habitats to  
14 preserve this public trust.