

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 482 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY BRIGGS, BRADFORD, BROWNLEE, BUXTON, COHEN, CURRY,
FRANKEL, JOSEPHS, PAYTON AND SANTARSIERO, OCTOBER 26, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 26, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2011 as "LGBT History Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For nearly two decades the month of October has been
4 recognized nationwide as "LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and
5 transgender) History Month"; and

6 WHEREAS, The month of October is celebrated as a time to
7 acknowledge and commemorate the historic contributions of LGBT
8 Americans and mark honest and authentic lives with National
9 Coming Out Day on October 11; and

10 WHEREAS, National organizations including GLAAD, the Human
11 Rights Campaign, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the
12 National Education Association and Statewide organizations such
13 as Equality Pennsylvania and others have strongly endorsed LGBT
14 History Month; and

15 WHEREAS, LGBT Pennsylvanians, such as artist Andy Warhol,
16 environmentalist Rachel Carson, lyricist and theater producer
17 Stephen Sondheim and civil rights leader Bayard Rustin, have all
18 made important and long-lasting contributions to American

1 history and culture; and

2 WHEREAS, An increasing recognition of and appreciation for
3 our Nation's and our State's LGBT individuals will serve to
4 increase community understanding, equality and inclusiveness;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, We owe a great deal of gratitude to those persons
7 who have pioneered the way toward greater civil rights and
8 equality; and

9 WHEREAS, Months commemorating and honoring the LGBT members
10 of our community have been enacted in the past by United States
11 presidents, governors and mayors; and

12 WHEREAS, LGBT History Month draws our collective attention to
13 the experience of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender
14 Pennsylvanians, reminding us of the diverse and inclusive
15 principles upon which Pennsylvania and our great nation were
16 founded and have grown; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
18 month of October 2011 as "LGBT History Month" in Pennsylvania;
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
21 commend the observation of "LGBT History Month" to our citizenry
22 and to our culture and urge all Pennsylvanians to take the
23 opportunity to learn and reflect upon this nation's struggle for
24 equality and respect for all.