
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 7 through 15, 2011, as "National
2 Travel and Tourism Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, First established in 1983, "National Travel and
4 Tourism Week" has been celebrated each year since by urging
5 citizens to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and
6 activities; and

7 WHEREAS, Highlighting the fact that travel is a leading
8 American industry, organizations are emphasizing the jobs and
9 economic benefits of travel and tourism across the country; and

10 WHEREAS, As one of the top ten industries in nearly every
11 state in the country in terms of employment, more than ten
12 million American workers are directly employed by travel; and

13 WHEREAS, Domestic and international travelers spend \$700
14 billion in the United States each year; and

15 WHEREAS, Tourism is this Commonwealth's second largest
16 industry and a major contributor to the economy of this
17 Commonwealth; and

18 WHEREAS, According to the State Tourism Office, this

1 Commonwealth is the fifth most-visited state in the nation with
2 an average of 138 million guests each year; and

3 WHEREAS, Visitors spent \$31.1 billion in 2009, accounting for
4 \$3.4 billion in State and local tax revenues; and

5 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's travel industry directly and
6 indirectly supports more than 433,000 jobs, representing
7 approximately 8% of all jobs in this Commonwealth and includes
8 partners, such as museums, wineries, golf courses, hotels,
9 restaurants, attractions and other tourism partners largely made
10 up of small businesses; and

11 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Tourism Office reported a new
12 record of 27.5 million hotel rooms sold in 2010, which generated
13 \$2.8 billion in room revenue for hotels in this Commonwealth;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's attractions are varied,
16 fascinating and filled with history; and

17 WHEREAS, Visitors come to learn more about our past, such as
18 the State's role in the Civil War, to explore our State parks,
19 which host more than 34.1 million visitors, and stay for the
20 dining and entertainment; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of May 7 through
22 15, 2011, as "National Tourism Week" in Pennsylvania.