
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, DINNIMAN, ALLOWAY, BAKER, BLAKE,
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TARTAGLIONE, WASHINGTON, D. WHITE, M. WHITE AND WILLIAMS,
MAY 10, 2011

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 10, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the 178 local YMCAs for providing outstanding
2 community services and recognizing the month of May 2011 as
3 "YMCA Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, YMCAs are collectively the largest nonprofit
5 organization in this Commonwealth, with more YMCAs having been
6 founded than in any other state; and

7 WHEREAS, YMCAs are volunteer-founded, volunteer-based and
8 volunteer-led, with more than 30,000 Commonwealth residents
9 volunteering as coaches, mentors, program leaders, instructors
10 and board members; and

11 WHEREAS, YMCAs are charitable nonprofit organizations
12 providing access to everyone regardless of their ability to pay,
13 so that all have the opportunity to be a part of the YMCA family
14 and benefit from a wide variety of programs and services; and

15 WHEREAS, YMCAs in this Commonwealth collectively serve more
16 than 1 million people of all ages, races, gender, creeds,

1 religions, backgrounds and economic levels; and

2 WHEREAS, YMCAs in this Commonwealth collectively raise more
3 than \$50 million for scholarships, subsidies and other community
4 services each year; and

5 WHEREAS, YMCAs are collectively the largest provider of child
6 care services, with 128 YMCAs serving more than 19,000 children
7 every day; and

8 WHEREAS, YMCAs are leading the fight against childhood
9 obesity through health and wellness programs, such as Activate
10 America, and partnering with the Centers for Disease Control,
11 foundations and hospitals to increase the fitness levels of
12 adults and families in this Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania YMCAs operate nine resident camps and
14 nearly 130 day camps, serving nearly 48,000 children, youths and
15 families; and

16 WHEREAS, YMCAs are battling homelessness by providing long-
17 term and short-term housing; and

18 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania YMCAs collaborate with community health
19 and wellness coalitions, juvenile courts, schools, churches,
20 local and county governments and civic organizations to provide
21 gang prevention, environmental education, international
22 programs, water safety, mentoring and tutoring programs, anti-
23 drug and alcohol education, teen leadership and civic
24 engagement, character development, structured family activities
25 and a variety of other programs for children, youths, adults and
26 seniors; and

27 WHEREAS, YMCAs recognize the public trust placed in them as a
28 charity, they meet the highest standards of governance, ethics
29 and accountability, and they have established themselves as a
30 leader in the nonprofit community by improving their own

1 measures of accountability, transparency and community benefit;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, All YMCA activities incorporate the YMCA's core
4 values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, and the
5 YMCA seeks to put Christian values into practice through
6 programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all;
7 therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the volunteers and staff of
9 the YMCA for their service to the people of this Commonwealth
10 and their communities and recognize May 2011 as "YMCA
11 Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania.