

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 279 Session of
2012

INTRODUCED BY FONTANA, FARNESE, TARTAGLIONE, KITCHEN,
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KASUNIC, ALLOWAY, CORMAN, WOZNIAK AND ROBBINS, APRIL 2, 2012

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 8 through 14, 2012, as "Library
2 Week 2012" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, First sponsored in 1958, "National Library Week" is
4 a national observance sponsored by the American Library
5 Association and libraries across the country each April; and

6 WHEREAS, "National Library Week" celebrates the contributions
7 of libraries, librarians and library workers throughout the
8 United States; and

9 WHEREAS, All types of libraries across the country
10 participate, including school, public or academic and special
11 libraries; and

12 WHEREAS, Our libraries are bringing the Pennsylvania Forward
13 Program to the public by helping our citizens achieve 21st
14 century literacies, including basic literacy, information
15 literacy, civic and social literacy, health literacy and

1 financial literacy, which lead to greater self-sufficiency and a
2 stronger economic future; and

3 WHEREAS, The 2012 theme, "You Belong @ Your Library®,"
4 emphasizes that there is something for everyone at the library,
5 whether it be resources for job seekers, free activities for
6 children, access to computers or discovering a new favorite
7 book; and

8 WHEREAS, Libraries have historically served as our nation's
9 great equalizers of knowledge by providing free access to all
10 regardless of age, ethnicity or socioeconomic background; and

11 WHEREAS, Libraries work to meet the changing needs of their
12 users, including building collections, expanding outreach
13 services and increasing programming; and

14 WHEREAS, Our libraries have moved far beyond just being book
15 depositories; librarians design and offer programs to meet their
16 community's economic needs, providing residents with resume-
17 writing classes, interviewing workshops and job-seeking
18 resources; and

19 WHEREAS, Families can spend hours together exploring their
20 local library for free, finding a wide variety of reading
21 materials that will rekindle memories as well as spark new
22 interests; and

23 WHEREAS, Libraries offer a world of knowledge and opportunity
24 to residents in local communities throughout this Commonwealth;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Librarians, who are valuable community resources,
27 help people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the
28 information they need to live, learn and work; and

29 WHEREAS, "National Library Week" encourages all residents to
30 visit their local library to take advantage of the wonderful

1 resources available to them and to create their own stories;
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of April 8
4 through 14, 2012, as "Library Week 2012" in Pennsylvania.