
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 17, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 19, 2013, as "Pennsylvania YMCA Youth and
2 Government Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The YMCA Youth & Government Program (Y&G) is
4 designed to encourage civic engagement by teaching the core
5 principles of democracy; and

6 WHEREAS, The State YMCA of Pennsylvania organizes Y&G clubs
7 throughout this Commonwealth in collaboration with local high
8 schools and branch YMCAs, coordinated at the State level; and

9 WHEREAS, While it is not easy to measure the impact that Y&G
10 has had upon the hundreds of teenagers involved annually, there
11 is reason to believe it is significant; and

12 WHEREAS, Countless persons have pointed to Y&G as a turning
13 point in their career exploration of such fields as politics,
14 law, education and social services; and

15 WHEREAS, For others, the experience confirmed their career
16 plans and enabled them to continue studies with increased
17 interest and confidence; and

1 WHEREAS, A recent study found that Y&G graduates are 30% to
2 60% more likely to report involvement in civic affairs than the
3 general population; and

4 WHEREAS, Part of the Y&G for 2013 involves a model government
5 convention in the State Capitol April 19 through 21, 2013;
6 therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
8 19, 2013, as "Pennsylvania YMCA Youth and Government Day" in
9 Pennsylvania.