
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 687 Session of
2014

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HARPER, GROVE, FLECK, ELLIS, TOOHL, PYLE, KAVULICH, MULLERY,
GOODMAN, SACCONE AND MAHONEY, MARCH 10, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 10, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2014 as "Hibernian Heritage
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Ancient Order of Hibernians, the oldest Irish
4 Catholic organization in the United States, was founded
5 concurrently in New York and Pennsylvania in May 1836; and

6 WHEREAS, Members' roots can be traced back 300 years earlier,
7 when their ancestors risked their lives to keep the Irish
8 language, culture and Roman Catholic religion alive in their
9 beloved Ireland; and

10 WHEREAS, The twin goals of the Ancient Order of Hibernians
11 are to assist in the reunification of Ireland and promote Irish
12 culture; and

13 WHEREAS, The Ancient Order of Hibernians seeks to aid the
14 newly arrived Irish, both economically and socially, and is

1 among the first to welcome new Irish immigrants to the United
2 States; and

3 WHEREAS, There are more than 80,000 members of the Hibernians
4 in 46 states, Canada and Ireland; and

5 WHEREAS, The Lackawanna County Board of Ancient Order of
6 Hibernians oversees the six divisions of Hibernians across the
7 length and breadth of Lackawanna County, having about 500
8 members; and

9 WHEREAS, Those six honorable divisions that do good works are
10 named: John F. Kennedy, division one of Scranton; Msgr. William
11 Farrell, division two of Carbondale; The O'Neill Brothers,
12 division three of Minooka; Paul Hook O'Malley, division four of
13 West Scranton; Firefighter Joseph Flannery, division five of
14 Taylor; and Father Patrick D. Healey, division six of Scranton;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The Ancient Order of Hibernians has chapters in the
17 following counties in Pennsylvania: Adams, Allegheny, Berks,
18 Bucks, Cambria, Carbon, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Lebanon,
19 Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton,
20 Northumberland, Philadelphia, Schuylkill and York that include
21 thousands of members; and

22 WHEREAS, The Ancient Order of Hibernians supports a multitude
23 of charities that improve the quality of life in this
24 Commonwealth and the nation. Those charities include: the
25 Women's Resource Center, myeloma cancer research and various
26 food and clothing banks and pantries, as well as various
27 education scholarships, family assistance programs and veterans'
28 services; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
30 month of March 2014 as "Hibernian Heritage Month" in

1 Pennsylvania to recognize the community services, assistance and
2 other great charity work that the Ancient Order of Hibernian
3 chapters in Lackawanna County and across this Commonwealth do to
4 improve the quality of life in their communities and throughout
5 this Commonwealth; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge its members
7 to take action to thank and honor the local chapters and their
8 members for their charitable and other work geared toward
9 improving those communities and the quality of life in general
10 in this Commonwealth.