
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WARD, FONTANA, YAW, DINNIMAN, ERICKSON, FERLO,
BREWSTER, STACK, BRUBAKER, TOMLINSON, WASHINGTON, MENSCH,
RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH, COSTA, GREENLEAF, BAKER, GORDNER,
VOGEL, TARTAGLIONE, WILLIAMS, FARNESE, HUGHES, PILEGGI AND
ALLOWAY, MARCH 13, 2013

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MARCH 13, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 13, 2013, as "Pennsylvania Industrial Resource
2 Centers (IRCs) Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The seven Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Centers
4 (IRCs) located strategically throughout this Commonwealth and
5 their dedicated staff members help small and medium-sized
6 manufacturing enterprises respond to changing markets, new
7 technology and the competitive pressure of the global economy;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Small and medium-sized manufacturers are critical to
10 the health and prosperity of the Pennsylvania economy and make
11 up over 92% of the manufacturing establishments in Pennsylvania;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania IRCs have provided sustained
14 performance through more than 30,000 projects for more than
15 9,200 firms since 1988; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania IRCs work with hundreds of closely

1 aligned professional manufacturing consultants that serve every
2 corner of Pennsylvania and draw resources from a strong
3 Statewide network and nationwide system; and

4 WHEREAS, Each year, Pennsylvania IRCs work with manufacturers
5 to innovate, grow profitable sales and create jobs in
6 Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, Many thousands of manufacturing chief executive
8 officers use Pennsylvania IRCs to keep up with the challenges of
9 their global markets, new innovations in products and processes,
10 increasing diversity in the work force, as well as the changing
11 landscape of government resources and regulations; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania IRCs play a liaison role between the
13 business community, economic development partners, elected
14 officials and manufacturing leaders and policy-makers; and

15 WHEREAS, Collectively, Pennsylvania IRCs impact the regional
16 economy by improving profitability, creating jobs and
17 reinvesting in businesses; and

18 WHEREAS, The economic impact of services provided by
19 Pennsylvania IRCs over the last 10 years equated to
20 \$7,395,185,729 in increased and retained sales, \$942,317,977 in
21 cost savings and \$1,443,369,811 in investments made; and

22 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania IRCs have supported the creation and
23 retention of 59,029 jobs in this Commonwealth over the last 10
24 years; and

25 WHEREAS, The IRCs are:

26 (1) the Commonwealth's only program dedicated to
27 manufacturing and making Pennsylvania a global leader in
28 manufacturing;

29 (2) the largest contributor to gross State product;

30 (3) the employer of well over half a million people in

Pennsylvania; and

(4) providing a high, family sustaining annual average wage of \$55,243;

and

WHEREAS, A highly advanced, globally competitive base of manufacturers is critical to the future and economic growth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2011-2012, 780 of the hundreds of manufacturers the seven IRCs work with were independently surveyed, generating reported impact including \$718,542,750 in sales increased and retained, \$90,358,032 in savings, \$106,257,754 in investment and 4,955 jobs created and retained; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize March 13, 2013, as "Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Centers (IRCs) Day" in Pennsylvania, salute the exemplary contributions Pennsylvania IRCs have made to the citizens and businesses of this Commonwealth and extend best wishes for continued leadership and service in the years to come.