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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing April 3, 2013, as "National Walking Day" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Each year, 915,000 Americans suffer a new or
- 4 recurrent coronary attack, and cardiovascular disease is the
- 5 nation's leading cause of death with direct and indirect costs
- 6 estimated to be \$444.2 billion in 2010; and
- 7 WHEREAS, More physical activity can help improve these
- 8 statistics; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Some adults may gain up to two hours of life
- 10 expectancy for every hour of regular, vigorous physical
- 11 activity, such as very brisk walking; and
- 12 WHEREAS, In addition to the possibility of increased life
- 13 expectancy, regular walking has many proven benefits for an
- 14 individual's overall health; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Brisk walking for 30 minutes a day can lower both
- 16 bad cholesterol levels and high blood pressure and may also help
- 17 prevent weight gain and reduce the risk of stroke; and

- 1 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2 estimate that physically active people save \$500 per year in
- 3 direct medical expenditures; and
- 4 WHEREAS, On "National Walking Day," April 3, the American
- 5 Heart Association calls on all citizens of Pennsylvania to walk
- 6 at least 30 minutes that day; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The purpose behind "National Walking Day" is to get
- 8 Americans to become more physically active by walking; therefore
- 9 be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize April 3, 2013, as
- 11 "National Walking Day" in Pennsylvania and urge all citizens to
- 12 show their support for walking and the fight against heart
- 13 disease and commemorate this day by walking at work.