
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, FERLO, KITCHEN, WOZNIAK, FONTANA,
DINNIMAN, WASHINGTON, GREENLEAF, FARNESE, BROWNE, STACK,
RAFFERTY, KASUNIC, SCHWANK, YUDICHAK, HUGHES AND WHITE,
MAY 14, 2013

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 14, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the 175 local YMCAs for providing outstanding
2 community services and recognizing the month of May 2013 as
3 "YMCA Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, YMCAs are collectively the largest nonprofit
5 organization in this Commonwealth, with more YMCAs having been
6 founded than in any other state; and

7 WHEREAS, YMCAs are volunteer-founded, volunteer-based and
8 volunteer-led, with more than 20,000 Commonwealth residents
9 volunteering as coaches, mentors, program leaders, instructors
10 and board members; and

11 WHEREAS, YMCAs are charitable nonprofit organizations
12 providing access to everyone regardless of their ability to pay,
13 so that all have the opportunity to be a part of the YMCA family
14 and benefit from a wide variety of programs and services; and

15 WHEREAS, YMCAs in this Commonwealth collectively serve more
16 than 1 million people of all ages, races, genders, creeds,
17 religions, backgrounds and economic levels; and

1 WHEREAS, YMCAs in this Commonwealth collectively raise more
2 than \$40 million for scholarships, subsidies and other community
3 services each year; and

4 WHEREAS, YMCAs are collectively the largest provider of child
5 care services, with one in five children receiving subsidized
6 child care valued in excess of \$12.5 million; and

7 WHEREAS, YMCAs are leading the fight against child sexual
8 abuse through a partnership with Darkness to Light, and
9 partnering with foundations and local organizations serving
10 youth to help identify, prevent and react responsibly to
11 suspected cases of child sexual abuse in this Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, YMCAs are battling homelessness by providing long-
13 term and short-term housing in a number of their facilities; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania YMCAs collaborate with community health
15 and wellness coalitions, juvenile courts, schools, churches,
16 local and county governments and civic organizations to provide
17 gang prevention, environmental education, international
18 programs, water safety, mentoring and tutoring programs, anti-
19 drug and alcohol education, teen leadership and civic
20 engagement, character development, structured family activities
21 and a variety of other programs for children, youths, adults and
22 seniors; and

23 WHEREAS, YMCAs recognize the public trust placed in them as a
24 charity, they meet the highest standards of governance, ethics
25 and accountability, and they have established themselves as a
26 leader in the nonprofit community by improving their own
27 measures of accountability, transparency and community benefit;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, All YMCA activities incorporate the YMCA's core
30 values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, and the

1 YMCA seeks to put Christian values into practice through
2 programs that focus on Youth Development, Healthy Living and
3 Social Responsibility; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the volunteers and staff of
5 Pennsylvania's YMCAs for their service to the people of this
6 Commonwealth and their communities and recognize May 2013 as
7 "YMCA Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania.