
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 11, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 31, 2015, as "Young Lungs at Play Day" to help
2 provide model non-smoking behavior to children and youth and
3 help provide children, youth and their families with a safe,
4 smoke free environment.

5 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, more than 858,000 young people are
6 exposed to tobacco smoke pollution every day; and

7 WHEREAS, The Surgeon General has stated that:

8 (1) there is no safe level of exposure for a child
9 whether indoors or outdoors; and

10 (2) a child's exposure to secondhand smoke causes
11 increased risk of sudden infant death syndrome, lower
12 respiratory infections, middle ear diseases, more severe
13 asthma, respiratory symptoms and slowed lung growth and is
14 responsible for premature deaths of over 480,000 Americans
15 each year from lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory
16 illness and other diseases; and

1 WHEREAS, Secondhand smoke is responsible for over 50,000
2 deaths among nonsmokers each year; and

3 WHEREAS, Tobacco kills more Americans each year than alcohol,
4 cocaine, heroin, homicide, suicide, accidents, fire and AIDS
5 combined; and

6 WHEREAS, Eighty percent of smokers started smoking before 18
7 years of age, and the average initiation age is 12 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Every day an estimated 3,900 young people under 18
9 years of age try their first cigarette, and one-third of the
10 children will die prematurely from tobacco-related illnesses;
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 31,
13 2015, as "Young Lungs at Play Day" to help provide model
14 nonsmoking behavior to children and youth and help provide
15 children, youth and their families with a safe, smoke-free
16 environment; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That "Young Lungs at Play Day" will help promote
18 the elimination of exposure to secondhand smoke at outdoor
19 public play areas by children; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That "Young Lungs at Play Day" will help local
21 governments and community organizations support a tobacco-free
22 resolution or policy in their respective communities, making a
23 difference in the health and welfare of their community members.