
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 575 Session of
2015

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MARSICO, PAYNE AND DeLUCA, NOVEMBER 5, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 5, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of November 9 through 15, 2015, as "United
2 States Colored Troops Grand Review Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, November 2015 marks the closing year of the Civil
4 War Sesquicentennial, during which Pennsylvania has been in the
5 national leadership in presenting compelling and informative
6 programs for its residents, visitors and guests; and

7 WHEREAS, November 14, 2015, also marks the 150th anniversary
8 of the Pennsylvania Grand Review of the United States Colored
9 Troops, honoring more than 180,000 free men who were African-
10 American patriots of the Civil War; and

11 WHEREAS, African-American soldiers made up about 10% of the
12 Union Army which bolstered the army at a crucial time; and

13 WHEREAS, Despite their heroic service, the United States
14 Colored Troops were uninvited from the National Grand Review in

1 1865; and

2 WHEREAS, A congress of citizens from throughout this
3 Commonwealth, Mid-Atlantic region and nation gathered here in
4 Harrisburg on November 14, 1865, to welcome marching regiments
5 from 25 states who passed in review, marched through our streets
6 and into our common history; and

7 WHEREAS, The military parade filed through Harrisburg to the
8 South Front Street residence of United States Senator and former
9 Secretary of War Simon Cameron who thanked the veterans for
10 their service; and

11 WHEREAS, This year, a groundswell of cultural and heritage
12 partners have collaborated to gather reenactors, living history
13 interpreters, student organizations, cultural and heritage
14 organizations, scholars, humanists, educators, stewards of
15 hallowed grounds and United States Colored Troops descendants
16 from those same 25 states; and

17 WHEREAS, The descendants of those United States Colored
18 Troops have also journeyed here to pause in this time and place
19 and remember in order to march forward in unity; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
21 November 9 through 15, 2015, as United States Colored Troops
22 Grand Review Week in honor and commemoration of these African-
23 American patriots of the Civil War and with regard for the
24 legacy of citizenship they leave us to preserve and carry
25 forward; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives welcome the
27 delegates of the 2015 annual meeting of the United States
28 Colored Troops Living History Association who come to stand in
29 this hallowed place at this historic moment.