
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
DECEMBER 1, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing December 10, 2015, as "International Human Rights
2 Day in Pennsylvania."

3 WHEREAS, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was
4 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10,
5 1948, in order to sufficiently define the rights referenced in
6 the United Nations Charter; and

7 WHEREAS, As chair of the United Nations Commission on Human
8 Rights, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt was instrumental in the
9 drafting process of the declaration; and

10 WHEREAS, The Preamble of the Declaration proclaims,
11 "Disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in
12 barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind,
13 and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy
14 freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has
15 been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people";

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights has been
3 referred to as "the international Magna Carta for all mankind"
4 due to its intent to clarify the rights of all human beings; and

5 WHEREAS, Each year, December 10th is observed by individuals,
6 communities, religious groups, human rights organizations,
7 governments and the United Nations as a day to promote human
8 rights awareness throughout the world; and

9 WHEREAS, December 10, 2015, marks the 67th anniversary of the
10 United Nations General Assembly adopting the Universal
11 Declaration of Human Rights; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
13 December 10, 2015, as "International Human Rights Day in
14 Pennsylvania."