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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 23, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 10, 2016, as "Amusement Park Day" in
2 Pennsylvania to honor amusement parks and family theme parks
3 in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to numerous family theme parks
5 that contain entertainment attractions, rides and other events
6 for the enjoyment of individuals and families; and

7 WHEREAS, Among the numerous amusement parks and family theme
8 parks in this Commonwealth that are worthy of recognition are
9 the following:

10 (1) Camelback Lodge and Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark,
11 which is the largest indoor water park on the East Coast and
12 is located in Pocono Township, Monroe County;

13 (2) Conneaut Lake Park, in Crawford County, which was
14 founded in 1892 as Exposition Park as a permanent fairground

1 and exposition for livestock, machinery and industrial
2 products from western Pennsylvania and which was renamed in
3 1920 to reflect its nature as a summer resort amusement park;

4 (3) DelGrosso's Amusement Park, located in Tipton, Blair
5 County, which is a family-oriented amusement park purchased
6 by the DelGrosso family in 1946 and named "Bland's Park"
7 until 2000;

8 (4) Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom, located in South
9 Whitehall Township, Lehigh County, which traces its history
10 back to 1860 when Solomon Dorney built a trout hatchery and
11 summer resort on his estate outside Allentown;

12 (5) Dutch Wonderland, located in East Lampeter Township,
13 Lancaster County, which opened in 1963 and whose theme is
14 "Kingdom for Kids" because of its primary appeal to families
15 with small children;

16 (6) Great Wolf Lodge, an indoor water park resort that
17 opened in 2005 in the Pocono Mountain region of this
18 Commonwealth in Pocono Township, Monroe County;

19 (7) Hersheypark, in Derry Township, Dauphin County,
20 which was founded in 1906 by Milton S. Hershey as a leisure
21 park for the employees of the Hershey Chocolate Company,
22 which opened an Allan Herschell carousel often referred to as
23 the "Merry-Go-Round" as its first ride in 1908 and which, as
24 of 2015, operated 74 rides, including 13 roller coasters;

25 (8) Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, an indoor
26 water park with an African theme and named after the Kalahari
27 Desert in southern Africa, which opened in 2015 in Pocono
28 Township, Monroe County;

29 (9) Kennywood, in West Mifflin, Allegheny County, which
30 first opened as a trolley park attraction at the end of the

1 Monongahela Street Railway in 1899;

2 (10) Knoebels Amusement Resort, opened in 1926, which is
3 a family-owned and operated amusement park, picnic grove and
4 campground located in Cleveland and Franklin Townships,
5 Columbia County, and in Ralpho Township, Northumberland
6 County;

7 (11) Lakemont Park and The Island Waterpark, located in
8 Altoona, Blair County, which houses the world's oldest
9 surviving roller coaster and which opened in 1894 as a
10 trolley park and subsequently became an amusement park in
11 1899;

12 (12) Sesame Place, a children's theme park based on the
13 television program *Sesame Street*, which opened in 1980 in
14 Middletown Township, Bucks County;

15 (13) Split Rock Resort Indoor Waterpark, also known as
16 the H20ooohh!! Indoor Family Water Park, which is located in
17 Kidder Township, Carbon County; and

18 (14) Waldameer Park and Water World, at the base of
19 Presque Isle in Millcreek Township, Erie County, which began
20 as a picnic area called Hoffman's Grove and was renamed
21 "Waldameer" after the Erie Electric Motor Company leased the
22 park in 1896;

23 therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June
25 10, 2016, as "Amusement Park Day" in Pennsylvania to honor
26 amusement parks and family theme parks in Pennsylvania; and be
27 it further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge individuals
29 and families to take the opportunity to visit the numerous
30 family theme parks across this Commonwealth.