
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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O'NEILL, MILNE, KAVULICH, GOODMAN, MARSICO, MENTZER AND
MAJOR, MAY 10, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 10, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 25, 2016, as "Turkic Cultural Day" in
2 Pennsylvania and recognizing the valuable work of the Council
3 of Turkic American Associations and the Turkish Cultural
4 Center of Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, The Council of Turkic American Associations and the
6 Turkish Cultural Center of Pennsylvania are hosting their sixth
7 annual "Turkic Cultural Day" in order to showcase the rich
8 mosaic of different cultures, religions and ethnicities, and to
9 educate the public regarding the country of Turkey; and

10 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth proudly welcomes the Turkic-
11 American community to participate in the festivities in order to
12 commemorate the observance of "Turkic Cultural Day"; and

13 WHEREAS, Turkey, a secular democracy, has contributed to the
14 foreign policy of the United States in the Balkans, the Middle
15 East, Central Asia and the Caucasus; and

16 WHEREAS, The Council of Turkic American Associations serves

1 as an educational council that promotes Turkic-American culture
2 and heritage; and

3 WHEREAS, The Turkish Cultural Center of Pennsylvania
4 strengthens the cultural and educational ties among people from
5 diverse cultural backgrounds and furthers the cause of promoting
6 the Turkish heritage of tolerance and understanding; and

7 WHEREAS, The Council of Turkic American Associations and the
8 Turkish Cultural Center of Pennsylvania serve a diverse Turkic-
9 American population in this Commonwealth with heritages from the
10 countries of: Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,
11 Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan; and

12 WHEREAS, Americans of Turkic origin play a significant role
13 in the ethnic diversity of this Commonwealth by incorporating
14 their rich spiritual and cultural heritage and their dedication
15 to the responsibilities of good citizenship; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 25,
17 2016, as "Turkic Cultural Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage all
18 residents of this Commonwealth to recognize the importance of
19 this day; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
21 efforts of the Council of Turkic American Associations and the
22 Turkish Cultural Center of Pennsylvania in promoting mutual
23 understanding, respect and friendship between Turkic Americans
24 and their neighbors.