

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1106 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY RADER, OCTOBER 25, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 25, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of
2 Pocono Township, Monroe County.

3 WHEREAS, Pocono Township, Monroe County, which consists of 35
4 square miles, is bounded to the north by Tunkhannock and
5 Tobyhanna Townships, to the east by Coolbaugh and Paradise
6 Townships and to the west by Jackson Township; and

7 WHEREAS, The land which would become Pocono Township, then
8 known as Pocono Point, was originally settled in 1750; and

9 WHEREAS, The township was officially created by a decree of
10 the Northampton County courts in 1816; and

11 WHEREAS, The township got its name from the Native American
12 word "Pocohanne," which means a stream between two mountains,
13 due to the Pocono Mountains which extend across the township;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, A famous path used by the Native Americans was
16 initially widened for stage coach use before being converted to
17 highways; and

18 WHEREAS, Route 611 was formerly the Lackawanna Trail; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1779, General John Sullivan and his soldiers
2 camped at Learned's Tavern after a 16-mile march from Heller's
3 Tavern; and

4 WHEREAS, Though Learned's Tavern burned down approximately 16
5 years ago, there is still a historical marker in the former
6 tavern's location; and

7 WHEREAS, Though the township's population was just 564 in
8 1830, in 2009, the township had a population of more than
9 10,000; and

10 WHEREAS, In December 2015, the Pocono Heritage Foundation,
11 Inc., was established to plan, raise funds for and establish a
12 multipurpose center that serves the community and will be
13 located at Mountain View Park; and

14 WHEREAS, The Pocono Heritage Center, currently 80% funded,
15 will display the rich heritage of Pocono Township and the
16 surrounding community and provide educational opportunities to
17 students; and

18 WHEREAS, The groundbreaking ceremony for the center was held
19 on April 30, 2016; and

20 WHEREAS, The Pocono Heritage Center is to be the centerpiece
21 of the bicentennial celebration; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
23 200th anniversary of the incorporation of Pocono Township,
24 Monroe County; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
26 the 2016 Pocono Township Bicentennial Committee.