
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of January 25 through 31, 2015, as "PCN:
2 Pennsylvania's Neighborhood Week" in Pennsylvania and
3 recognizing the Pennsylvania Cable Network on its 20th
4 anniversary of coverage of the General Assembly.

5 WHEREAS, The nation's advent of cable technology and birth of
6 today's cable industry began in the valleys of eastern
7 Pennsylvania more than 65 years ago; and

8 WHEREAS, A rapid growth in the number of entrepreneurial
9 cable operators, developed in all corners of this Commonwealth,
10 emerged to provide Pennsylvanians with television service in
11 advance of most other areas of the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, On August 29, 1979, these cable companies combined
13 to form the Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN), a nonprofit
14 corporation created to provide a public service for the
15 distribution of educational programming by Pennsylvania
16 institutions of higher learning; and

17 WHEREAS, PCN was on the air before CNN, Fox News, MSNBC,
18 ESPN, MTV, TNT, USA Network and nearly all other nationally

1 distributed cable networks; and

2 WHEREAS, The programming provided by PCN expanded from
3 educational programming to public affairs programming, and in
4 1995, PCN began providing blanket coverage of the General
5 Assembly; and

6 WHEREAS, For the last 20 years, PCN has provided
7 Pennsylvanians with gavel-to-gavel coverage of a state
8 legislature, including floor proceedings, hearings, news
9 conferences, speeches and other events of public interest
10 addressed within the Capitol, with full access and cooperation
11 from Senate and House caucuses and Commonwealth Media Services;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, PCN has consistently presented nonpartisan, unedited
14 and balanced coverage, providing Pennsylvanians with a reliable
15 and untainted view of the legislative process; and

16 WHEREAS, PCN provides programming using the highest available
17 levels of technology and quality, with a fiber feed directly
18 from the Capitol, transmission via satellite and high-definition
19 service in selected locations; and

20 WHEREAS, PCN is nationally recognized as the premiere state
21 public affairs network and serves as a model for other states in
22 offering 24-7 programming of State legislative action, facility
23 tours, sports championships and other events of interest taking
24 place in Pennsylvania; and

25 WHEREAS, Cable companies in Pennsylvania provide PCN with
26 more than 85% of its funding, which supports the maintenance of
27 its superior level of programming and public services; and

28 WHEREAS, Independent, family-owned cable operators in this
29 Commonwealth continue to outnumber those in other states and,
30 joining with multiple-system operators, serve 3 million

1 Pennsylvanians with communications and entertainment services;
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the Pennsylvania Cable
4 Network on its 20th anniversary of coverage of the General
5 Assembly and designate the week of January 25 through 31, 2015,
6 as "PCN: Pennsylvania's Neighborhood Week."