
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WARD, YAW, FONTANA, EICHELBERGER, TEPLITZ,
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MAY 12, 2015

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 12, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 12, 2015, as "Industrial Resource Center
2 Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Manufacturing is among this Commonwealth's leading
4 industries, contributing \$77.4 billion to the gross State
5 product each year, making this Commonwealth the eighth-largest
6 manufacturing state in the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Manufacturing provides a family-sustaining average
8 wage of more than \$56,000 to more than 550,000 direct employees
9 each year, infusing more than \$31.2 billion in employee earnings
10 into this Commonwealth's economy each year; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 14,000 manufacturers Statewide helped to
12 fuel this Commonwealth's economy by contributing more than \$959
13 million in wage taxes and \$445 million in sales taxes to the
14 Pennsylvania Treasury last year; and

15 WHEREAS, Under the act of June 22, 2001 (P.L.400, No.31),
16 known as the Industrial Resources Center Partnership Act, the

1 General Assembly established the Industrial Resource Centers to
2 serve the manufacturing industries in this Commonwealth; and

3 WHEREAS, The Industrial Resource Centers diligently provide
4 technical services and much-needed expertise to our small and
5 mid-sized manufacturing community Statewide in areas of
6 innovation, process improvement, reshoring and technology
7 acceleration; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the past 10 years, the work of the Industrial
9 Resource Centers has had positive impacts upon, and has created
10 or retained critical manufacturing jobs within, more than 1,300
11 manufacturing businesses in this Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Commerce recently
13 verified that over the past 10 years Pennsylvania manufacturers
14 have realized sales impacts of more than \$7.4 trillion and
15 bottom-line cost savings of more than \$626 billion as direct
16 results of Industrial Resource Center services; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Commerce recently
18 verified that over the past 10 years Industrial Resource Center
19 activities have facilitated more than \$1.5 billion of
20 manufacturer investment in this Commonwealth and have positively
21 impacted more than 56,000 manufacturing jobs; and

22 WHEREAS, The Industrial Resource Centers throughout this
23 Commonwealth represent a public-private partnership that looks
24 forward to continuing to leverage Federal, State and industrial
25 resources to further advance our manufacturing economy and
26 create manufacturing jobs well into the future; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 12, 2015, as
28 "Industrial Resource Center Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania
29 and urge its observance throughout this Commonwealth to show
30 appreciation for the work of the Industrial Resource Centers and

1 the importance of the industry they serve.