
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2015 as "Polish American
2 Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This year marks the 406th anniversary of Polish
4 settlers arriving in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, People of Polish heritage have contributed greatly
6 to global advancement and the growth of the United States and
7 Pennsylvania in particular in the 406 years since the first
8 Polish immigrants settled here; and

9 WHEREAS, Polish notables include Ignacy Jan Paderewski, one
10 of the most famous and popular pianists of all time and an
11 advocate for Polish freedom, who was born 153 years ago in
12 Warsaw and who died in 1941 in New York City; and

13 WHEREAS, People of Polish heritage have demonstrated
14 exceptional skills in the fields of accounting, acting, art,
15 dentistry, education, engineering, entertainment, general labor,
16 government, law, literature, management, mathematics, medicine,

1 the military, music, philosophy, poetry, sports and many other
2 endeavors; and

3 WHEREAS, People of Polish heritage will mark the 235th
4 anniversary of the death of General Casimir Pulaski, father of
5 the American cavalry, and the 103rd anniversary of Marie
6 Sklodowska Curie's receipt of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for
7 her discovery of radioactive elements polonium and radium; and

8 WHEREAS, Polish people are recognized for their strong work
9 ethic and outstanding achievements; and

10 WHEREAS, Other Polish notables include Revolutionary War hero
11 Thaddeus Kosciuszko; Leopold Stokowski, a renowned international
12 conductor; Zbigniew Brzezinski, National Security Advisor to
13 President Carter; and Edmund Muskie, a United States Senator
14 from Maine; and

15 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians of Polish heritage have made many
16 contributions to our nation; and

17 WHEREAS, These Pennsylvanians include Cardinal John Krol of
18 Philadelphia, baseball great Stan Musial of Donora and singer
19 Bobby Vinton of Canonsburg; and

20 WHEREAS, The Polish people have many reasons to be proud of
21 and to celebrate their heritage, culture and the achievements of
22 their people; and

23 WHEREAS, All Pennsylvanians are grateful for the many
24 contributions of Poland and its citizens to our Commonwealth;
25 therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2015
27 as "Polish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.