
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 28, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 15, 2017, as "Kick Butts Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable
3 death in the United States, imposing a terrible toll on
4 families, businesses and government in terms of health, lives
5 and dollars; and

6 WHEREAS, Tobacco kills more than 480,000 people annually,
7 more than AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, illegal drugs, murders
8 and suicides combined; and

9 WHEREAS, Tobacco costs the United States more than \$170
10 billion in health care expenditures and \$151 billion in lost
11 productivity each year; and

12 WHEREAS, While the United States has made major progress
13 against tobacco use, nearly one in five Americans still smokes;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Each day approximately 3,000 youths under 18 years
16 of age try smoking for the first time and more than 700 youths

1 become new regular, daily smokers; and

2 WHEREAS, One in three of these youths will die prematurely
3 because of tobacco use; and

4 WHEREAS, Each year 540 million packs of cigarettes are
5 consumed by children; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 50,000 people die each year from
7 exposure to secondhand smoke; and

8 WHEREAS, In the United States, 16 million people currently
9 suffer from smoking-caused illnesses; and

10 WHEREAS, The tobacco industry spends \$8.8 billion or \$24
11 million each day on marketing its products nationwide, with much
12 of the marketing aimed at children; and

13 WHEREAS, It is imperative that visible, unified tobacco
14 cessation and prevention education efforts by community members
15 be launched to encourage all tobacco users to become tobacco-
16 free; and

17 WHEREAS, Businesses, government, law enforcement, schools,
18 faith-based institutions, service organizations, youths,
19 physicians, senior citizens, military organizations, sports
20 teams and individuals from all walks of life can demonstrate
21 their commitment to tobacco-free, healthy lifestyles by
22 participating in "Kick Butts Day"; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
24 15, 2017, as "Kick Butts Day" in Pennsylvania and encourage
25 residents of all ages to participate in tobacco cessation and
26 prevention education activities to make a visible show of
27 support for our strong commitment to a tobacco-free community,
28 encouraging all youths and adults to pledge to be tobacco-free.