
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 111 Session of
2017

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THOMAS, MADDEN AND GILLEN, MARCH 2, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 2, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 13, 2017, as "K9 Veterans and Services Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Throughout the history of this Commonwealth and the
4 nation, thousands of dogs and their handlers, trainers and other
5 helpers have served in the military, law enforcement and various
6 capacities with honor, dignity and valor to protect life,
7 liberty and property; and

8 WHEREAS, To this day, military, law enforcement and other
9 working dogs with their handlers, trainers and other helpers
10 continue to serve on both land and sea with honor, dignity and
11 valor in this Commonwealth, the nation and abroad; and

12 WHEREAS, The official United States K9 Corps was created on
13 March 13, 1942, for service in World War II and beyond; and

14 WHEREAS, Joseph J. White, a retired military working dog
15 handler, established "K9 Veterans Day" on March 13 each year to

1 raise awareness throughout the country and to recognize the
2 important services provided by dogs and their trainers, handlers
3 and other helpers in the military, law enforcement and other
4 various groups to save and protect human life; and

5 WHEREAS, Many residents of this Commonwealth have
6 participated in and continue to actively participate in and
7 engage in K9 training and operational activities to protect
8 lives and property through the military, law enforcement and
9 other various groups; and

10 WHEREAS, K9 services now include dogs and their handlers,
11 trainers and other helpers involved in customs, search and
12 rescue, border patrol, police services, secret service, drug
13 enforcement and many other capacities, all of which deserve
14 recognition as well as military working dogs for saving and
15 protecting our way of life in this Commonwealth and the nation
16 due to the current war on terror and efforts to stop and fight
17 crime; and

18 WHEREAS, The military, law enforcement and many other
19 government agencies and groups have recognized K9 dogs as being
20 loyal, loving, devoted and known for placing themselves in
21 harm's way to make the ultimate sacrifice and lay down their
22 lives for their partners, handlers, trainers and other helpers;
23 therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
25 13, 2017, as "K9 Veterans and Services Day" in Pennsylvania to
26 acknowledge, support and express gratitude for the assistance
27 and security provided by dogs and their trainers, handlers and
28 other helpers in the military, law enforcement and other various
29 services geared toward protecting life and property in this
30 Commonwealth and the nation; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
2 governmental agencies and other groups that have used and
3 continue to use K9 services to make efforts on March 13, 2017,
4 to recognize and appreciate the protection and assistance that
5 such services provide to this Commonwealth and the nation.