
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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CALTAGIRONE AND A. HARRIS, APRIL 24, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 24, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 9 through 15, 2017, as "National
2 Library Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Library Week" is a national observance
4 sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries
5 across the country each April; and

6 WHEREAS, "National Library Week" celebrates the valuable
7 contributions of libraries, librarians and library staff and the
8 services and resources they provide to people of all ages
9 throughout the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, All types of libraries across the country
11 participate, including school, public, academic and special
12 libraries; and

13 WHEREAS, Libraries do more than house resources: libraries
14 have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and

1 librarians and library staff fuel efforts to better serve their
2 communities, campuses and schools; and

3 WHEREAS, With the cooperation of the American Library
4 Association and the Advertising Council, the first "National
5 Library Week" was observed in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and
6 Read!"; and

7 WHEREAS, The 2017 theme, "Libraries Transform," highlights
8 how libraries and librarians are looking beyond their
9 traditional roles to provide more opportunities for community
10 engagement and delivering new services that connect closely with
11 patrons' needs; and

12 WHEREAS, Libraries and librarians are opening up a world of
13 possibilities through innovative STEAM programming, makerspaces,
14 job-seeking resources and the power of reading; and

15 WHEREAS, Libraries support democracy and effect social change
16 through their commitment to provide equitable access to
17 information for all library patrons regardless of race,
18 ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity
19 or socioeconomic status; and

20 WHEREAS, Libraries in Pennsylvania serve millions of visitors
21 and conduct programs for children, parents, entrepreneurs,
22 senior citizens and students; and

23 WHEREAS, "National Library Week" encourages all residents to
24 visit a local library to take advantage of the wonderful
25 resources and the world of knowledge and opportunity offered
26 there; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
28 week of April 9 through 15, 2017, as "National Library Week" in
29 Pennsylvania.