
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY SABATINA, MARTIN, DINNIMAN, LANGERHOLC, FONTANA,
GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, EICHELBERGER, FARNESE, HUGHES, YUDICHAK
AND WHITE, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2017 as "Polish American
2 Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This year marks the 36th anniversary of "Polish
4 American Heritage Month" and the 409th anniversary of Polish
5 settlers arriving in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Individuals of Polish heritage have contributed
7 greatly to global advancement and the growth of the United
8 States and Pennsylvania in particular in the more than 400 years
9 since the first Polish immigrants settled here; and

10 WHEREAS, Polish notables include Ignacy Jan Paderewski, one
11 of the most famous and popular pianists of all time and an
12 advocate for Polish freedom, who was born more than 150 years
13 ago in Warsaw and who died in 1941 in New York City; and

14 WHEREAS, Individuals of Polish heritage have demonstrated
15 exceptional skills in a vast array of professional fields; and

16 WHEREAS, Individuals of Polish heritage will mark the 238th
17 anniversary of the death of General Casimir Pulaski, "Father of

1 the American Cavalry," and the 106th anniversary of Marie
2 Sklodowska Curie's receipt of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for
3 her discovery of radioactive elements polonium and radium; and

4 WHEREAS, Polish individuals are recognized for their strong
5 work ethic and outstanding achievements; and

6 WHEREAS, Other Polish notables include Revolutionary War hero
7 Thaddeus Kosciuszko, renowned international conductor Leopold
8 Stokowski, former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski
9 and former United States Senator Edmund Muskie; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians of Polish heritage have made many
11 contributions to our nation; and

12 WHEREAS, These Pennsylvanians include Cardinal John Krol of
13 Philadelphia, baseball great Stan Musial of Donora and singer
14 Bobby Vinton of Canonsburg; and

15 WHEREAS, Individuals of Polish heritage have many reasons to
16 be proud and celebrate their heritage and culture and the
17 achievements of their people; and

18 WHEREAS, All Pennsylvanians are grateful for the many
19 contributions of Poland and its citizens to our Commonwealth;
20 therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2017
22 as "Polish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.