
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MARCH 14, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 14, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 20, 2019, 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 \$156 billion in lost
11 productivity each year; and

12 WHEREAS, While the United States has made major progress
13 against tobacco use, approximately 15.5% of American adults
14 still smoke; and

15 WHEREAS, Each day, approximately 2,000 youths under 18 years

1 of age try smoking for the first time and more than 300 youths
2 become new regular, daily smokers; and

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

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

7 WHEREAS, In the United States, an estimated 41,000 adults
8 die each year from exposure to secondhand smoke; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 16 million Americans currently suffer from
10 smoking-caused illnesses; and

11 WHEREAS, The tobacco industry spends approximately \$9.5
12 billion annually or \$26 million each day on marketing its
13 products nationwide, with much of the marketing aimed at
14 children; and

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

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

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize March
26 20, 2019, as "Kick Butts Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage
28 residents of all ages to participate in tobacco cessation and
29 prevention education activities to make a visible show of
30 support for our strong commitment to a tobacco-free community,

1 encouraging all youths and adults to pledge to be tobacco-free.