
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 208 Session of
2019

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ZIMMERMAN, MACKENZIE AND EVERETT, APRIL 8, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 8, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2019 as "Pennsylvania Community
2 College Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For 55 years, this Commonwealth's community colleges
4 have provided accessible and affordable higher education,
5 workforce training and transfer opportunities for millions of
6 Pennsylvania residents; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's community colleges serve more than
8 312,000 students throughout this Commonwealth and 94% of credit
9 students are residents; and

10 WHEREAS, One out of every four undergraduates in this
11 Commonwealth attends a community college; and

12 WHEREAS, Community colleges serve nontraditional students,
13 part-time students, dislocated workers and veterans; and

14 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer increased access through

1 online education courses and programs, allowing students to
2 build their academic credentials and certifications while
3 maintaining their work schedules and family responsibilities;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer the most affordable pathway
6 to the baccalaureate through more than 5,396 transfer and
7 articulation agreements to ensure that students seamlessly
8 transition from community college to a four-year degree, with
9 nearly 35,000 students transferring each year; and

10 WHEREAS, Community colleges continue to graduate students in
11 many of the high-demand and high-growth industries vital to this
12 Commonwealth's economy, particularly in health care, public
13 safety, manufacturing and energy; and

14 WHEREAS, Community colleges offer individualized credit and
15 noncredit courses and programs that enhance the workforce
16 pipeline and stimulate this Commonwealth's economy; and

17 WHEREAS, Community colleges have developed 71 new or
18 redesigned programs in response to regional needs of employers
19 and workforce trends; and

20 WHEREAS, More than 1,600 employers throughout this
21 Commonwealth have contracted with community colleges to provide
22 training for more employees, and more than 95,000 employees have
23 been trained by community colleges throughout this Commonwealth;
24 therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
26 month of April 2019 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month" in
27 Pennsylvania; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
29 residents to recognize, appreciate and support the contributions
30 community colleges make to their communities and our

1 Commonwealth.