## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 301 <br> Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY ECKER, KORTZ, HILL-EVANS, BIZZARRO, HICKERNELL, KIRKLAND, RYAN, OWLETT, BERNSTINE, KLUNK, MERSKI, GREINER, MACKENZIE, CALTAGIRONE, NEILSON, EVERETT, BROWN, SCHLEGEL CULVER, SAINATO, KINSEY, THOMAS, TOEPEL, MURT, DiGIROLAMO, SONNEY, READSHAW, FREEMAN, ROTHMAN, OBERLANDER, LONGIETTI, MILLARD, MENTZER, MOUL, JONES, SCHWEYER, ZIMMERMAN AND GILLEN, MAY 2, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 2, 2019

## A RESOLUTION

Designating the week of May 5 through 11, 2019, as "Small Business Week" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Small business employers and employees constitute
nearly half of the United States workforce; and
WHEREAS, Each year since 1963, the President of the United States has signed a "National Small Business Week" proclamation; and

WHEREAS, This observance recognizes the risk-takers, innovators and investors who steer small business development and performance; and

WHEREAS, Their enterprises create two out of every three new jobs; and

WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, small-scale enterprises represent $99.6 \%$ of all employers and 2.5 million private-sector employees; and

WHEREAS, The 1 million small businesses in this Commonwealth generate billions of dollars in annual income and benefits; and WHEREAS, Addressing regulated utility matters with the Office of Small Business Advocate, these small businesses have derived an estimated $\$ 35$ million in annual utility cost savings; and WHEREAS, Their cumulative utility cost savings over a threeyear period are projected to be nearly $\$ 130$ million; and WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is committed to providing interagency support for small business owners as they build and advance their enterprises; therefore be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the week of May 5 through 11, 2019, as "Small Business Week" in Pennsylvania.

