
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY KRUEGER, DALEY, HENNESSEY, DIGIROLAMO, SOLOMON,
DONATUCCI, McCLINTON, KULIK, RAVENSTAHL, KOSIEROWSKI, BURNS,
KORTZ, MILLARD, O'MARA, HOWARD, READSHAW, FREEMAN AND
CALTAGIRONE, MAY 13, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, MAY 13, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 1, 2019, as "Skip the Straw Day in
2 Pennsylvania."

3 WHEREAS, Plastic debris harms more than 1,200 species across
4 the globe; and

5 WHEREAS, Plastics, microplastics and plastic microfibers
6 contaminate mountain peaks and ocean trenches; and

7 WHEREAS, These materials and particles infiltrate our soil,
8 drinking water and the air we breathe; and

9 WHEREAS, Contributing to this crisis, Americans generate
10 waste from an estimated 500 million single-use disposable
11 plastic straws each day; and

12 WHEREAS, Banning, phasing out or otherwise reducing plastic
13 straw use involves small actions to change habits and broader
14 actions to change cultures; and

15 WHEREAS, Making straws available only on request is a start;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Food and beverage concessionaires for the National

1 Park Service and other venues are adhering to offer-first
2 practices; and

3 WHEREAS, Straws manufactured from paper, compostable plastic,
4 glass, bamboo, corn or stainless steel are alternatives when
5 skipping the straw; and

6 WHEREAS, Antistraw initiatives include The Last Plastic
7 Straw, Be Straw Free, Choose to Refuse, Be the Solution to
8 Pollution, Strawless Summer and StopSucking; and

9 WHEREAS, Municipalities and venues in this Commonwealth are
10 beginning to address the challenges of plastic straw waste;
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June 1,
13 2019, as "Skip the Straw Day in Pennsylvania."