
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 4, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 10, 2019, as "National History Day" in
2 Pennsylvania."

3 WHEREAS, "National History Day in Pennsylvania" is the
4 Commonwealth's component of a national, yearlong, classroom-
5 based program that engages students in hands-on historical
6 research and exploration; and

7 WHEREAS, Approximately 12,000 students participate on an
8 annual basis with the support of their school peers, teachers
9 and parents; and

10 WHEREAS, After competing successfully at the local and
11 regional contests, more than 1,000 students, teachers, parents
12 and family members are gathering on this date for the 2019
13 "National History Day in Pennsylvania" State contest; and

14 WHEREAS, The winners of the State contest will comprise the
15 Pennsylvania delegation to the national contest at the

1 University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, from June 9
2 through June 13, 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, Approximately 120 community volunteers donate their
4 time as judges and staff for the State contest, and there are
5 more than 650 volunteers for the regional contests on an annual
6 basis; and

7 WHEREAS, The Army Heritage Center Foundation, which is
8 recognized as an educational improvement organization by the
9 Pennsylvania Department of Education, provides Statewide
10 oversight and management of the Commonwealth's program and
11 contest; and

12 WHEREAS, "National History Day in Pennsylvania" is
13 represented throughout this Commonwealth by regional affiliates
14 that coordinate activities in 59 counties across this
15 Commonwealth; and

16 WHEREAS, The regional affiliates are Allegheny College, The
17 University of Scranton, Kutztown University, Westminster
18 College, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Central
19 Intermediate Unit #10 and Lock Haven University, the Senator
20 John Heinz History Center, Messiah College, the Chester County
21 Historical Society, the Bucks County Historical Society, the
22 Historical Society of Pennsylvania and the National Archives at
23 Philadelphia; and

24 WHEREAS, The "National History Day" program is a 2011
25 recipient of the National Humanities Medal and is endorsed by
26 the American Association for State and Local History, the
27 American Historical Association, the Federation of State
28 Humanities Councils, the National Association of Secondary
29 School Principals, the National Center for History in the
30 Schools, the National Council for History Education, the

1 National Council for the Social Studies, the Organization of
2 American Historians and the Society of American Archivists; and
3 WHEREAS, A 2010 study by Rockman et al. shows that "National
4 History Day" students outperform their peers on standardized
5 achievement tests, are better writers, develop better critical
6 thinking skills and learn 21st century skills; and

7 WHEREAS, Students who participate in "National History Day in
8 Pennsylvania" are better prepared for college and careers;
9 therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 10,
11 2019, as "National History Day in Pennsylvania" and encourage
12 students, teachers and other residents of this Commonwealth to
13 participate in the "National History Day in Pennsylvania"
14 program.