
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MACKENZIE, BERNSTINE, BROOKS, CALTAGIRONE,
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KIM, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MILLARD, PICKETT, READSHAW, SAYLOR,
SCHMITT, SONNEY, STAATS, THOMAS AND WILLIAMS,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2019 as "Energy Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, President George H. W. Bush first declared October
4 as "National Energy Awareness Month" in 1991; and

5 WHEREAS, President Bush encouraged the Federal Government and
6 organizations to recognize the importance of responsibly
7 managing the nation's energy resources; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States has taken great strides toward
9 energy efficiency by developing and promoting energy-efficient
10 products in homes; and

11 WHEREAS, The use of energy-efficient products has reduced
12 consumer utility bills; and

13 WHEREAS, The Federal Government and the Commonwealth have
14 promoted energy efficiency; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the United States Energy Information
16 Administration (EIA), Pennsylvania:

1 (1) is the second-largest natural gas producer in the
2 United States;

3 (2) is the second-largest net supplier of total energy
4 to other states;

5 (3) is the third-largest coal producing state; and

6 (4) ranks third in electricity generation and, in 2018,
7 nuclear power was the largest electricity generator in this
8 Commonwealth;

9 and

10 WHEREAS, The EIA reports that as of 2018, approximately 51%
11 of Pennsylvania households used natural gas as their primary
12 home heating fuel, 22% used electricity and 24% used fuel oil
13 and other heating fuels, including propane and wood; and

14 WHEREAS, According to the EIA, Pennsylvania's first
15 commercial wind farm started generating electricity in 2000, and
16 this Commonwealth currently has 24 operating wind farms with
17 approximately 1,400 megawatts of capacity; and

18 WHEREAS, According to the Solar Energies Industries
19 Association, Pennsylvania has approximately 56,000 homes powered
20 by solar energy, there are approximately 4,219 solar jobs as of
21 2018 and approximately \$141.19 million was invested in 2018 in
22 this Commonwealth; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
24 month of October 2019 as "Energy Awareness Month" in
25 Pennsylvania.