
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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READSHAW, MERSKI, KAUFER AND SCHWEYER, OCTOBER 11, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, OCTOBER 11, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of November 2019 as "Veteran Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania in conjunction with the annual
3 "Veterans Day" observance on November 11, 2019.

4 WHEREAS, The history of the United States Armed Forces is
5 long and decorated, with tens of millions of Americans having
6 served across multiple generations; and

7 WHEREAS, The officers, enlisted soldiers and volunteer
8 soldiers of the Continental Army proved that Americans can be
9 victorious in battle; and

10 WHEREAS, On December 26, 1776, General George Washington led
11 Continental Army troops across the Delaware River to achieve a
12 decisive victory in the Battle of Trenton; and

13 WHEREAS, Woodrow Wilson, in an address delivered on the 125th
14 anniversary of the Battle of Trenton, appropriately referred to
15 Revolutionary War observer Thomas Paine's declaration: "These
16 are the times that try men's souls"; and

1 WHEREAS, Wilsonian idealism highlighted the preservation of
2 liberty and self-government and the imprint of those who "seek
3 honor by seeking service"; and

4 WHEREAS, To commemorate the end of World War I and the
5 fidelity and sacrifice of those who served, Woodrow Wilson
6 established "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1919; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1978, after changes in the date and official
8 name, the Congress of the United States declared that "Veterans
9 Day" be held each year on November 11; and

10 WHEREAS, "Veterans Day" casts light on the experiences and
11 and legacy of veterans; and

12 WHEREAS, "Veterans Day" reminds us of our shared
13 responsibilities on behalf of veterans, their protections and
14 rights and the expanded duties and unique ranks that have
15 evolved; and

16 WHEREAS, Recognition of veterans' service reinforces their
17 relationships with active military personnel, other veterans and
18 residents of our communities; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
20 month of November 2019 as "Veteran Awareness Month" in
21 Pennsylvania in conjunction with the annual "Veterans Day"
22 observance on November 11, 2019; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage schools
24 in this Commonwealth to host "Meet a Veteran Day" and conduct
25 instruction on American Flag etiquette and other patriotic
26 exercises; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge residents
28 of this Commonwealth to consistently engage and support veterans
29 while learning from their brave service.