
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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HANBIDGE AND McCLINTON, OCTOBER 22, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 22, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 11, 2019, as "National Coming Out Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Coming Out Day" was chosen on the day of
4 the second march on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights; and

5 WHEREAS, The second March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay
6 Rights occurred October 11, 1987, with over half a million
7 protestors; and

8 WHEREAS, The originators of the idea were Rob Eichberg and
9 Jean O'Leary, prominent advocates of equal rights and LGBT
10 organizations; and

11 WHEREAS, The purpose of "National Coming Out Day" is to raise
12 awareness of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT)
13 community and its civil rights movement; and

14 WHEREAS, "National Coming Out Day" helps create a safe
15 environment where those who identify as LGBT may live as openly
16 and honestly as possible; and

1 WHEREAS, A study conducted by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance
2 Against Defamation concluded that 20% of millennials identify as
3 LGBT; and

4 WHEREAS, A study by the "National Coming Out Day" report
5 concluded that about 42% of LGBT youth say they live in
6 communities that are not accepting of LGBT people; and

7 WHEREAS, According to the Human Rights Campaign, the three
8 stages of coming out are opening up to oneself, coming out and
9 living openly; and

10 WHEREAS, The American Psychological Association concludes
11 that positive feelings about one's sexual orientation can help
12 promote a greater sense of well-being and mental health; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2018, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission
14 declared that it would accept claims of discrimination on the
15 basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, allowing LGBT
16 individuals with a fear of coming out to feel safe and protected
17 in their identity; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October
19 11, 2019, as "National Coming Out Day" in Pennsylvania.