
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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PYLE, READSHAW, ROEBUCK, RYAN, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHMITT, SONNEY
AND YOUNGBLOOD, JANUARY 21, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
JANUARY 21, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 5, 2020, as "Geologists Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is blessed with an abundance of
3 naturally occurring earth resources, including groundwater,
4 petroleum oil, natural gas, coal, aggregates and minerals, and
5 the responsible development of those earth resources is of
6 primary importance to Pennsylvania's industrial base and economy
7 and to the welfare of its residents; and

8 WHEREAS, Proper identification, evaluation and mitigation of
9 geologic hazards, such as flooding, landsliding, erosion,
10 surface subsidence, environmental contaminants and radon gas are
11 vital to the health, safety and welfare of Pennsylvania
12 residents; and

13 WHEREAS, The practice of geology involves evaluation of earth
14 resource occurrences, description of the natural processes
15 acting on earth materials and evaluation of natural and man-

1 induced phenomena which may be either useful or hazardous to
2 residents of this Commonwealth; and

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Council of Professional Geologists,
4 established in 1989, advocated for the advancement of statutory
5 regulation of the practice of geology in Pennsylvania and
6 proposed the creation of a licensure requirement for geologists;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, On December 16, 1992, in recognition of the need to
9 ensure responsible, competent and ethical practice of the
10 profession of geology to the benefit of the residents of this
11 Commonwealth, the General Assembly enacted the act of December
12 16, 1992 (P.L.1151, No.151), known as the Professional Engineers
13 and Professional Land Surveyors Registration Law, and thereby
14 established licensing requirements for professional geologists;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Due to the passage of the licensure requirements,
17 Pennsylvania's licensed professional geologists are required to
18 meet the stringent education, experience and professional
19 examination requirements established by the State Registration
20 Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists
21 and adhere to a strict code of ethics; and

22 WHEREAS, There are currently approximately 2,300 active
23 licensed professional geologists engaging in the practice of
24 geology in Pennsylvania; and

25 WHEREAS, Licensed professional geologists serve the public by
26 contributing knowledge, experience and integrity to exploration
27 and development of natural resources, design and construction of
28 public and private engineering projects, study and mitigation of
29 geologic hazards and environmental contamination, development of
30 technical regulations and standards and the education of future

1 geologists; and

2 WHEREAS, All over the world, the first Sunday in April is
3 used to thank geologists for the important work that they do;
4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April
6 5, 2020, as "Geologists Day" in Pennsylvania.