
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 733 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, DONATUCCI, KIM, HILL-EVANS, TOEPEL,
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NEILSON, SCHLEGEL CULVER, CONKLIN AND GROVE,
FEBRUARY 18, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the legacy of Hannah Callowhill Penn, and designating
2 March 12, 2020, as "Hannah Callowhill Penn Day" in
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Hannah Callowhill Penn was born in Bristol, England,
5 on February 11, 1671; and

6 WHEREAS, On March 5, 1696, she married William Penn, founder
7 of the Province of Pennsylvania, and the couple arrived in
8 Philadelphia on December 10, 1699; and

9 WHEREAS, William Penn and Hannah Callowhill Penn resided at
10 Pennsbury Manor in Morrisville; and

11 WHEREAS, Hannah Callowhill Penn and William Penn made
12 remarkable contributions to this Commonwealth and the founding
13 of our nation and were lifelong advocates of peace and justice;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, When William Penn became incapacitated by a stroke
16 in 1712, Hannah Callowhill Penn effectively governed in his name

1 and handled all of his other complicated financial and legal
2 affairs until his death in 1718; and

3 WHEREAS, After William Penn's death, Hannah Callowhill Penn
4 continued to govern Pennsylvania from England for another eight
5 years until her death in 1726; and

6 WHEREAS, Hannah Callowhill Penn played an instrumental role
7 in the development of Pennsylvania and, at the time of her
8 governance, no other woman in Britain, except Queen Mary II and
9 Queen Anne, held such direct political power; and

10 WHEREAS, For her historic contributions, Hannah Callowhill
11 Penn was granted honorary United States citizenship in 1984 and
12 honorary Pennsylvania citizenship in 1985; and

13 WHEREAS, March 12, 2013, was proclaimed "Hannah Callowhill
14 Penn Day" in Pennsylvania by Governor Tom Corbett in her honor;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, "Hannah Callowhill Penn Day" marks the beginning of
17 a yearlong project to recognize Hannah Callowhill Penn's
18 achievements and contributions to our Commonwealth; and

19 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Commission for Women presents an
20 annual Hannah Penn Leadership Award to inspire leadership among
21 the women of this Commonwealth; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the legacy
23 of Hannah Callowhill Penn, the first woman to govern
24 Pennsylvania; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
26 12, 2020, as "Hannah Callowhill Penn Day" in Pennsylvania.