
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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ROEBUCK, CONKLIN, KOSIEROWSKI, McCARTER, HENNESSEY AND
PASHINSKI, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2020 as "Global Citizen Science
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Global Citizen Science Month" is an annual event
4 sponsored by SciStarter in coordination with the National
5 Library of Medicine, Arizona State University, the Citizen
6 Association, Science Friday and National Geographic to celebrate
7 and promote all things citizen science; and

8 WHEREAS, SciStarter is an online community that originally
9 grew out of a project by Darlene Cavalier at the University of
10 Pennsylvania to help improve the citizen science experience for
11 project managers and participants; and

12 WHEREAS, Citizen science is a collaboration between
13 scientists and everyday people that helps accelerate research
14 and discovery in many areas, including ecology, astronomy,
15 medicine, computer science, statistics, psychology, genetics,
16 engineering and many more; and

1 WHEREAS, Citizen science projects actively involve citizens
2 to participate in the scientific process by asking questions,
3 making observations, conducting experiments or collecting data
4 to generate new knowledge and understanding; and

5 WHEREAS, Citizen science is accessible to people everywhere,
6 anytime regardless of age, interests or location; and

7 WHEREAS, During "Global Citizen Science Month,"
8 Pennsylvanians can participate in six different projects,
9 including gathering light pollution data, researching about the
10 flu, submitting sightings of litter, documenting change in
11 weather and climate, playing an online game to help with
12 Alzheimer's research and creating a national inventory of tap
13 water pipes; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians can contribute to more than 3,000
15 projects year-round which have been registered by leaders in the
16 Federal Government, NGOs and universities; and

17 WHEREAS, Citizen science helps cultivate a society that is
18 knowledgeable about the world around them by helping individuals
19 learn outside of the classroom through engaging experiences that
20 can result in individuals influencing larger decisions about
21 science policy; and

22 WHEREAS, The public participation provided through citizen
23 projects enables scientific investigations that would not
24 otherwise be possible; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
26 month of April 2020 as "Global Citizen Science Month" in
27 Pennsylvania.