
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MAY 12, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
MAY 12, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 50th anniversary of Moraine State Park.

2 WHEREAS, In 2020, Moraine State Park, located in Butler
3 County, will celebrate its 50th anniversary; and

4 WHEREAS, The 16,725-acre park is the third largest and one of
5 the most admired and popular parks in the Pennsylvania State
6 park system, attracting more than 1 million visitors annually;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Moraine State Park is noted for its many activities,
9 including its annual regatta, hiking, biking, cross country
10 skiing, geocaching, horseback riding, fishing, boating and
11 pontoon boat tours on the 3,225-acre Lake Arthur; and

12 WHEREAS, The park's name, "Moraine," comes from the term for
13 the accumulated regolith and rock deposited by glaciers that
14 extended just to the north of the park in the distant past,
15 leaving their legacy in the current local landscape of rolling

1 hills and lakes; and

2 WHEREAS, Early settlers cleared forests and drained swamps in
3 the area, using the land for mining sand, gravel and other
4 resources as well as for extracting coal, natural gas and oil,
5 eventually leaving the land barren and vulnerable to topsoil
6 erosion; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1926, Frank W. Preston, an amateur geologist and
8 naturalist from England who settled in the area, noted the
9 influence of glaciation on the landscape and worked with the
10 Western Pennsylvania Conservancy to study and preserve the area;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, State Government agencies joined the efforts to
13 reclaim the land, sealing mines and oil wells and erecting a dam
14 on Muddy Creek to create Lake Arthur; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1970, Lake Arthur reached its full level and
16 Moraine State Park was dedicated and opened to the public on May
17 23, 1970; and

18 WHEREAS, Numerous special activities and events will be
19 featured in 2020 to mark 50 years of the park serving the
20 recreational needs of the public; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate the
22 50th anniversary of Moraine State Park; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That all residents of Pennsylvania be encouraged to
24 visit the park to enjoy its natural beauty and engage in
25 healthful outdoor recreation with their family and friends.