
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MACKENZIE, BROWN, BURNS, JAMES, LONGIETTI,
MILLARD, MURT, ROTHMAN, RYAN, SAYLOR, SCHMITT, SONNEY,
YOUNGBLOOD AND PICKETT, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2020 as "Energy Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, President George H. W. Bush first declared October
4 as "National Energy Awareness Month" in 1991; and

5 WHEREAS, President Bush encouraged the Federal Government and
6 organizations to recognize the importance of responsibly
7 managing the nation's energy resources; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States has taken great strides toward
9 energy efficiency by developing and promoting energy-efficient
10 products in homes; and

11 WHEREAS, The use of energy-efficient products has reduced
12 consumer utility bills; and

13 WHEREAS, The Federal Government and the Commonwealth have
14 promoted energy efficiency; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the United States Energy Information
16 Administration (EIA), Pennsylvania:

17 (1) is the second-largest natural gas producer in the

1 United States;

2 (2) is the second-largest net supplier of total energy
3 to other states;

4 (3) is the third-largest coal producing state; and

5 (4) ranks third in electricity generation and, in 2018,
6 nuclear power was the largest electricity generator in this
7 Commonwealth;

8 and

9 WHEREAS, The EIA reports that as of 2018, approximately 51%
10 of Pennsylvania households used natural gas as their primary
11 home heating fuel, 22% used electricity and 24% used fuel oil
12 and other heating fuels, including propane and wood; and

13 WHEREAS, According to the EIA, Pennsylvania's first
14 commercial wind farm started generating electricity in 2000, and
15 this Commonwealth currently has 24 operating wind farms with
16 approximately 1,400 megawatts of capacity; and

17 WHEREAS, According to the Solar Energies Industries
18 Association, Pennsylvania had approximately 68,000 homes powered
19 by solar energy, there were approximately 4,200 solar jobs as of
20 2019 and approximately \$179,000,000 were invested in 2019 in
21 this Commonwealth; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
23 month of October 2020 as "Energy Awareness Month" in
24 Pennsylvania.