
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1062 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY FRANKEL, KENYATTA, SIMS, THOMAS, McNEILL, BURNS,
MADDEN, HOWARD, WILLIAMS, T. DAVIS, HILL-EVANS, McCLINTON,
SANCHEZ, HOHENSTEIN, CIRESI, WEBSTER, SCHLOSSBERG AND
DELLOSO, OCTOBER 19, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, OCTOBER 19, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 11, 2020, as "National Coming Out Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Coming Out Day" was chosen as the same
4 date of the Second National March on Washington for Lesbian and
5 Gay Rights; and

6 WHEREAS, The Second National March on Washington for Lesbian
7 and Gay Rights occurred October 11, 1987, with more than half a
8 million protestors; and

9 WHEREAS, The purpose of "National Coming Out Day" is to raise
10 awareness of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT)
11 community and its civil rights movement; and

12 WHEREAS, The originators of "National Coming Out Day," Rob
13 Eichberg and Jean O'Leary, were prominent advocates of equal
14 rights and LGBT organizations; and

15 WHEREAS, "National Coming Out Day" creates a safe environment
16 where those who identify as LGBT may live as openly and honestly
17 as possible; and

1 WHEREAS, A study conducted by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance
2 Against Defamation concludes that 20% of millennials identify as
3 LGBT; and

4 WHEREAS, A "National Coming Out Day" report concludes that
5 approximately 42% of LGBT youths say they live in communities
6 that are not accepting of LGBT people; and

7 WHEREAS, According to the Human Rights Campaign, the three
8 stages of coming out are opening up to oneself, coming out and
9 living openly; and

10 WHEREAS, The American Psychological Association concludes
11 that positive feelings about one's sexual orientation can help
12 promote a greater sense of well-being and mental health; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2018, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission
14 declared that it would accept claims of discrimination on the
15 basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, allowing LGBT
16 individuals with a fear of coming out to feel safe and protected
17 in their identity; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October
19 11, 2020, as "National Coming Out Day" in Pennsylvania.