
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 23 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY BAKER, DINNIMAN, BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA, ARGALL,
MARTIN, PHILLIPS-HILL, VOGEL, COSTA, BROWNE, YAW, SCAVELLO,
AUMENT, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, YUDICHAK, SANTARSIERO, SCHWANK
AND FARNESE, FEBRUARY 4, 2019

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, FEBRUARY 4, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Observing March 1, 2019, as "St. David's Day" in Pennsylvania
2 and honoring the many Pennsylvanians of Welsh heritage.

3 WHEREAS, St. David is the patron saint of Wales and March 1,
4 St. David's feast day, is the Welsh national holiday which is
5 celebrated by Welsh people throughout the world; and

6 WHEREAS, Starting in the 17th century, a significant number
7 of people emigrated from Wales to this Commonwealth seeking
8 religious freedom and employment; and

9 WHEREAS, William Penn and the Religious Society of Friends,
10 or Quakers, founded the heart of the first Welsh settlement in
11 Philadelphia; and

12 WHEREAS, A second wave of Welsh immigration, led by a Baptist
13 minister, occurred in the 18th century and resulted in the
14 immigrants settling in Cambria County; and

15 WHEREAS, Since this Commonwealth and Wales both include rare
16 anthracite coal, many Welsh immigrants also settled in the
17 northeastern Pennsylvania coal region; and

1 WHEREAS, Many cities and towns in this Commonwealth are named
2 by or for people of Welsh heritage; and

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has a concentration of people of
4 Welsh ancestry that is greater than any other state; and

5 WHEREAS, The rich Welsh traditions and culture have had a
6 tremendous impact on this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, "St. David's Day" unites Welsh people worldwide in
8 the celebration of their identity; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate observe March 1, 2019, as "St.
10 David's Day" in Pennsylvania and honor the many Pennsylvanians
11 of Welsh heritage.