
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 91 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY SCAVELLO, BAKER, BROWNE, VOGEL, ARGALL, DINNIMAN,
BARTOLOTTA, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, BLAKE, BREWSTER, FOLMER AND
MARTIN, APRIL 30, 2019

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 30, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 30, 2019, as "Pocono Raceway Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has an extensive history of motorsports
4 of all types; and

5 WHEREAS, A range of businesses contribute to the economy of
6 this Commonwealth through investments in engineering, production
7 and sponsorship of motorsport vehicles; and

8 WHEREAS, Ranking among the top five states in the country for
9 racetracks in general, Pennsylvania is one of two states with
10 the highest number of National Association for Stock Car Auto
11 Racing (NASCAR) fans; and

12 WHEREAS, Approximately 20 Official NASCAR Members Club
13 chapters are located in this Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to Pocono Raceway, a family-
15 owned venue in Long Pond, Monroe County; and

16 WHEREAS, Pocono Raceway, this Commonwealth's largest raceway,
17 has showcased motor racing and served loyal stock car fans and

1 guests since 1968; and

2 WHEREAS, An IndyCar event and two Monster Energy NASCAR Cup
3 Series events are scheduled each year; and

4 WHEREAS, Pocono Raceway is our nation's first and only
5 professional sports organization to operate an internal
6 Department of Military Affairs; and

7 WHEREAS, Through focus and innovation, Pocono Raceway
8 supports morale and extends appreciation to United States Armed
9 Forces members and veterans, remembers POWs/MIAs and connects
10 the military to each aspect of the raceway experience; and

11 WHEREAS, "A Salute to Armed Services" features enlistment
12 ceremonies, Gold Star Family memorial services and Army Golden
13 Knights flyovers as part of pre-race activities; and

14 WHEREAS, These activities further incorporate active-duty
15 military escorts and the use of Humvees for driver
16 introductions; and

17 WHEREAS, All service branches may set up booths throughout
18 the track, welcoming families and recruiting new service
19 members; and

20 WHEREAS, Pocono Raceway gives free or reduced tickets to
21 service members and their families through its "One Team"
22 platform; and

23 WHEREAS, The Mattioli Family visits military bases nationwide
24 to expand and adapt this platform; and

25 WHEREAS, Pocono Raceway supports veterans organizations such
26 as VFW lodges, Valor House, PA Wounded Warriors, Segs4Vets,
27 VAREP and Keystone Warriors; and

28 WHEREAS, In 2019, Pocono Raceway is opening Pocono Organics,
29 a premier indoor organics facility developed in partnership with
30 the Rodale Institute; and

1 WHEREAS, Pocono Organics will house, train and employ
2 veterans through Rodale's award-winning "dirt therapy" program;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Veterans may work and continue their service to
5 others through healthy and sustainable farming; and

6 WHEREAS, The Senate commends Pocono Raceway for its regional
7 and national partnerships; and

8 WHEREAS, The Senate affirms Pocono Raceway's long tradition
9 of highlighting the mission and sacrifices of our nation's
10 heroes; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate April 30, 2019, as
12 "Pocono Raceway Day" in Pennsylvania.