
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of June 3 through 9, 2019, as "Hemp History
2 Week" in Pennsylvania to acknowledge industrial hemp's role
3 in our cultural heritage and promote its uses and benefits.

4 WHEREAS, The Senate celebrates the return of industrial hemp,
5 noting centuries of hemp trade and processing in our communities
6 and the complicated path toward legalization; and

7 WHEREAS, Hemp fiber had various applications during World War
8 I and World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, Enforcement of the Marihuana Tax Act of 1937, which
10 led American companies to buy hemp-based goods from China,
11 Canada and Europe, relaxed during World War II; and

12 WHEREAS, "Hemp for Victory," a 1942 short film produced by
13 the United States Department of Agriculture, urged hemp
14 cultivation as a war measure; and

15 WHEREAS, The Controlled Substances Act enacted in 1970
16 instituted a decades-long ban on hemp production and
17 distribution in the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, The 2018 Farm Bill restored the legal status of
19 industrial hemp nationwide; and

1 WHEREAS, Industrial hemp plants are grown to produce paper,
2 rope, fiberglass, biodegradable plastics, paint, biofuel and
3 food; and

4 WHEREAS, Hemp (genus Cannabis) has considerably lower levels
5 of tetrahydrocannabinol than marijuana but is often mistaken to
6 have the same psychotropic effects; and

7 WHEREAS, Hemp seed is a source of vitamins and minerals such
8 as vitamin E, potassium and magnesium; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has the potential to become a leading
10 state for industrial hemp production; and

11 WHEREAS, Material derived from hemp and the development of
12 hemp industries can contribute to this Commonwealth's economic
13 growth; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2018, 33 permit holders in this Commonwealth grew
15 580 acres of hemp, according to the Pennsylvania Department of
16 Agriculture; and

17 WHEREAS, The Senate joins farmers, advocates and industry
18 leaders from coast to coast in observing "Hemp History Week";
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of June 3
21 through 9, 2019, as "Hemp History Week" in Pennsylvania to
22 acknowledge industrial hemp's role in our cultural heritage and
23 promote its uses and benefits.