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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, JUNE 4, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and celebrating July 19, 2019, as "Pennsylvania Park  
2 and Recreation Professionals Day" in this Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to 121 State parks, more  
4 than 6,000 local parks, various Federal parks and recreation  
5 facilities and numerous playgrounds, pools, beaches, campsites,  
6 marinas, picnic areas, athletic fields, skate parks, dog parks,  
7 festival venues, gardens, visitor centers, historic and cultural  
8 attractions and many other recreational facilities and  
9 amenities; and

10 WHEREAS, The value and relative importance that  
11 Pennsylvanians place on State parks is demonstrated by the fact  
12 that while Pennsylvania is the 33rd largest state, only Alaska  
13 and California have more state park land; and

14 WHEREAS, United States Census Bureau data confirms that there  
15 are nearly 8,000 full-time and part-time park and recreation  
16 employees working in this Commonwealth; and

17 WHEREAS, Park and recreation professionals, complemented by

1 thousands of volunteers who serve on boards, committees and  
2 trail, friend and neighborhood groups, contribute significantly  
3 to the health, well-being and quality of life of Pennsylvanians  
4 of all ages and to the economic vitality of our communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Park and recreation professionals bring life-  
6 enriching services to residents of all ages and abilities, work  
7 to keep facilities clean, safe and ready to use, strengthen  
8 community cohesion and resiliency, connect people with nature  
9 and each other, develop and manage a wide range of public  
10 programming and provide and promote opportunities for healthy  
11 living, social equity and environmental sustainability;  
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize and celebrate July 19,  
14 2019, as "Pennsylvania Park and Recreation Professionals Day" in  
15 Pennsylvania and extend thanks and gratitude to park and  
16 recreation professionals and the essential services that they  
17 provide to our residents and communities.