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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 30, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 10, 2019, as "Marine Corps Day" in
 2 Pennsylvania in honor of the United States Marine Corps'
 3 244th anniversary of its founding.

4 WHEREAS, On November 10, 1775, the Second Continental
 5 Congress met in Philadelphia and passed a resolution calling for
 6 two battalions of Marines to be raised for service as landing
 7 forces with the fleet; and

8 WHEREAS, That resolution established the Continental Marines
 9 and marked the birth date of the United States Marine Corps; and

10 WHEREAS, Since its first amphibious raid on March 3, 1776,
 11 the United States Marine Corps has fought with great courage on
 12 every continent and in every conflict in American history; and

13 WHEREAS, During World War I, Marines fought their famed
 14 battle at Belleau Wood, establishing their reputation of
 15 toughness and fierceness; and

16 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps played a central role in the
 17 liberation of the Pacific Islands during World War II; and

1 WHEREAS, "Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima," the famous
2 photograph by Joe Rosenthal, will always symbolize the triumph
3 and glory of the Marine Corps; and

4 WHEREAS, The momentum of the Korean War shifted when the
5 Marine Corps, in conjunction with the Navy, launched a massive
6 amphibious attack at Inchon, surprising the North Koreans by
7 putting thousands of United States troops behind enemy lines;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps participated in major offensives of
10 the Vietnam War, engaging in guerrilla warfare, implementing
11 unconventional techniques for counterinsurgency and working as
12 military advisors to the Republic of Vietnam Marine Corps; and

13 WHEREAS, From 1990 to 1992, Marines participated in Operation
14 Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, leading the liberation
15 of Kuwait and the defeat of Iraqi forces; and

16 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps continues to make significant
17 contributions to the war on terrorism as part of Operation
18 Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

19 WHEREAS, Marines truly embody the motto of the Marine Corps:
20 "Semper Fidelis," which translates from Latin as "always
21 faithful" and signifies the defense of freedom and democracy
22 worldwide; and

23 WHEREAS, Today, the Marine Corps is a separate branch of the
24 United States Armed Forces, distinguishing itself as an
25 expeditionary force ready to respond on the ground, in the air
26 and by sea; and

27 WHEREAS, There are nearly 200,000 individuals currently
28 enlisted in the Marine Corps and roughly 40,000 reserve members;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 1921, written by

1 Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune, established the
2 mandatory celebration of the Marine Corps' anniversary;
3 therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize November 10, 2019, as
5 "Marine Corps Day" in Pennsylvania in honor of the United States
6 Marine Corps' 244th anniversary of its founding.