
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 303 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY BAKER, DINNIMAN, BARTOLOTTA, STREET, PHILLIPS-
HILL, LEACH, FONTANA, ARGALL, J. WARD, AUMENT, BREWSTER,
KILLION, PITTMAN, COSTA, MARTIN, HUGHES, BROWNE AND
TARTAGLIONE, FEBRUARY 4, 2020

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 4, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Observing March 1, 2020, 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, 2020, as "St.
10 David's Day" in Pennsylvania and honor the many Pennsylvanians
11 of Welsh heritage.