## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging all Commonwealth agencies to remove social media accounts 2 from social networking platforms that censor content.
- 3 WHEREAS, The First Amendment to the Constitution of the
- 4 United States reads in part that "Congress shall make no
- 5 law...abridging the freedom of speech"; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Section 7 of Article I of the Constitution of
- 7 Pennsylvania reads in part that "The free communication of
- 8 thoughts and opinions is one of the invaluable rights of man,
- 9 and every citizen may freely speak, write and print on any
- 10 subject, being responsible for the abuse of that liberty"; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania governmental agencies use official
- 12 social media accounts to communicate with the public; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Some social media platforms censor the content that
- 14 is placed on a platform; therefore be it
- 15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
- 16 Commonwealth agencies to remove social media accounts from
- 17 social networking platforms that censor content; and be it
- 18 further

- 1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage
- 2 government agencies to switch from social media platforms that
- 3 censor content to alternative platforms that respect the First
- 4 Amendment right of all Americans.