
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MARTIN, MENSCH, VOGEL, BARTOLOTTA, STEFANO,
PITTMAN AND FONTANA, MARCH 10, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 10, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 21, 2021, as "Pennsylvania Girls' Wrestling
2 Day" in Pennsylvania and acknowledging the efforts of
3 SanctionPA to help establish girls' wrestling as a sanctioned
4 sport by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic
5 Association.

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a rich history of and unrivaled
7 passion for wrestling as a high school sport; and

8 WHEREAS, Girls' wrestling has been the fastest growing high
9 school sport in the country over the past five years; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania high school girls' wrestling has seen
11 an approximately 100% increase over that same five-year time
12 period, according to the nonprofit organization Wrestle Like a
13 Girl; and

14 WHEREAS, The number of female wrestlers in Pennsylvania has
15 grown from 102 to 229 over the last year; and

16 WHEREAS, Female wrestling athletes represent more than 130
17 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) member
18 schools, with all 12 PIAA district areas having girls' wrestling
19 in their area; and

1 WHEREAS, Currently, the PIAA does not recognize girls'
2 wrestling as an official sport; and

3 WHEREAS, There are currently 29 states that have officially
4 sanctioned girls' wrestling; and

5 WHEREAS, The PIAA has stated the need for at least 100 girls'
6 wrestling teams before they can officially sanction the sport
7 and create a State championship for girls' wrestling; and

8 WHEREAS, Nine high schools in this Commonwealth have already
9 established a distinct girls' wrestling team; and

10 WHEREAS, These high schools include J.P. McCaskey, Easton,
11 Executive Education Academy, North Allegheny, Central Mountain,
12 Governor Mifflin, Annville-Cleona, Gettysburg and Brandywine
13 Heights; and

14 WHEREAS, SanctionPA is a grassroots effort by wrestling
15 leaders in Pennsylvania to work toward getting girls' wrestling
16 as a sanctioned sport in Pennsylvania; and

17 WHEREAS, Wrestle Like A Girl, USA Wrestling, Pennsylvania USA
18 Wrestling, Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association, National
19 Wrestling Coaches Association, National High School Coaches
20 Association and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National
21 Wrestling Hall of Fame have all participated as positive
22 collaborators in the aforementioned grassroots efforts; and

23 WHEREAS, Participation in wrestling on a high school level
24 can lead to invaluable opportunities to compete and succeed at
25 the collegiate level and later on in life; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate March 21, 2021, as
27 "Pennsylvania Girls' Wrestling Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
28 further

29 RESOLVED, That the Senate acknowledge the efforts of
30 SanctionPA to help establish girls' wrestling as a sanctioned

1 sport by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.