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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, KEARNEY, COLLETT, HUGHES,  
SANTARSIERO, FONTANA, MARTIN, MUTH, BARTOLOTTA, MENSCH,  
VOGEL, YUDICHAK, STREET, COSTA, COMMITTA, SCHWANK AND STEFANO,  
JUNE 24, 2021

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 24, 2021

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 19 through 26, 2021, as "Disability  
2 Pride Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, All people, including those with disabilities,  
4 should be guaranteed the right to receive a quality education,  
5 to be productive members of our workforce, to raise families, to  
6 exert control and choice over their own lives and to have equal  
7 opportunity to access and participate in all facets of life; and

8 WHEREAS, Having a disability should be seen as a natural part  
9 of human diversity; and

10 WHEREAS, Many people with disabilities share a cultural  
11 experience and history; and

12 WHEREAS, More than 30 years ago, the Americans with  
13 Disabilities Act of 1990 was signed into law, ending  
14 discrimination against and providing equal opportunity for  
15 persons with disabilities in employment, education, government  
16 services, public accommodations, commercial facilities and  
17 transportation; and

1       WHEREAS, In spite of the Americans with Disabilities Act of  
2 1990, people with disabilities continue to face tremendous  
3 challenges in our society that test their resolve  
4 sociologically, emotionally and psychologically, as well as  
5 negative cultural assumptions based on fears and myths that need  
6 to be eliminated and replaced with presumptions of competence,  
7 strength and individual worth; and

8       WHEREAS, "Disability Pride Week" is a celebration that seeks  
9 to educate and change the way that people think about and define  
10 those with disabilities by promoting the belief that disability  
11 is a natural and beautiful part of human diversity in which  
12 people living with disabilities can take pride; and

13       WHEREAS, This year, "Disability Pride Week" will include 10  
14 days of accessible and inclusive virtual programs, including  
15 raising the National ADAPT flag and a virtual parade; therefore  
16 be it

17       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of June 19  
18 through 26, 2021, as "Disability Pride Week" in Pennsylvania;  
19 and be it further

20       RESOLVED, That the Senate urge residents of this Commonwealth  
21 to honor Americans with disabilities by educating themselves on  
22 ways to support and encourage understanding of persons with  
23 disabilities in our schools, within our diverse workforce and in  
24 our communities.