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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, SCHWANK, BROWNE, KEARNEY, HUGHES, FONTANA,  
BARTOLOTTA, COMITTA, MARTIN, SCAVELLO, ARGALL, MUTH,  
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JUNE 22, 2021

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 22, 2021

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating July 16, 2021, as "Pennsylvania Park and Recreation  
2 Professionals Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to a variety of Federal  
4 parks and recreation facilities, 121 State parks, more than  
5 6,000 local parks and numerous playgrounds, pools, beaches,  
6 campsites, marinas, picnic areas, athletic fields, skate parks,  
7 dog parks, festival venues, gardens, visitor centers, historic  
8 and cultural attractions and many other recreational facilities  
9 and amenities; and

10 WHEREAS, In April of 2020, George Mason University produced a  
11 study that found that local park and recreation systems support  
12 14,840 jobs and contribute \$695 million in labor income and  
13 \$2.28 billion in annual economic activity in this Commonwealth;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The value and importance that Pennsylvanians place  
16 on their access to parks and recreation facilities is  
17 demonstrated by the surge in visitation during the COVID-19

1 pandemic, including a 26% increase in visitation to State parks  
2 in 2020; and

3 WHEREAS, Park and recreation professionals promote physical,  
4 emotional and mental health and wellness through organized and  
5 self-directed fitness and activity; and

6 WHEREAS, Park and recreation professionals support the  
7 economic vitality of communities by providing crucial jobs and  
8 child care and promoting community revitalization; and

9 WHEREAS, Park and recreation professionals support personal  
10 development and endless learning opportunities that foster  
11 social, intellectual, physical and emotional growth for  
12 individuals of all ages and abilities; and

13 WHEREAS, Park and recreation professionals sustain and  
14 steward our natural resources by protecting habitats and open  
15 space, using green infrastructure to help municipalities manage  
16 storm water and connecting individuals to nature; and

17 WHEREAS, Park and recreation professionals, complemented by  
18 thousands of volunteers, contribute significantly to the health,  
19 well-being and quality of life of all Pennsylvanians; therefore  
20 be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate July 16, 2021, as  
22 "Pennsylvania Park and Recreation Professionals Day" in  
23 Pennsylvania; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate extend thanks and gratitude to park  
25 and recreation professionals for the indispensable services they  
26 provide to all Pennsylvanians and communities in this  
27 Commonwealth.