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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 208 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY COMITTA, YAW, KEARNEY, FONTANA, STREET, BROWNE,  
KANE, MARTIN, SANTARSIERO, BREWSTER, SCHWANK, GORDNER, COSTA  
AND STEFANO, NOVEMBER 8, 2021

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, NOVEMBER 8, 2021

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 15, 2021, as "Pennsylvania Recycles Day"  
2 and joining "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful" to make recycling  
3 bigger and better in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The average person in Pennsylvania generates 4.8  
5 pounds of solid waste per day or 1,752 pounds per year; and

6 WHEREAS, Recycling began in Pennsylvania in 1988 with the  
7 passage of the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste  
8 Reduction Act (Act 101) that requires larger municipalities to  
9 recycle; and

10 WHEREAS, Today, more than 11.6 million residents, at least  
11 94% of this Commonwealth's population, have access to recycling;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Recycling contributes to clean water, saves energy  
14 and preserves our natural resources; and

15 WHEREAS, Recycling materials like paper, cardboard, metal and  
16 plastics can be transformed into new, usable items; and

17 WHEREAS, Recycling ensures that the old materials can be  
18 correctly repurposed into new products; and

1       WHEREAS, Nonrecyclable items placed into recycling containers  
2 increases cost, slows the recycling process and poses safety  
3 risk to employees; and

4       WHEREAS, Purchasing recycled products closes the loop and  
5 supports the recycling market; and

6       WHEREAS, Recycling creates well-paying jobs in the recycling  
7 and manufacturing industries; and

8       WHEREAS, In 1997, the National Recycling Coalition introduced  
9 November 15 as "America Recycles Day"; and

10       WHEREAS, In 2009, "America Recycles Day" partnered with the  
11 "Keep America Beautiful" campaign to inform, educate and promote  
12 recycling; and

13       WHEREAS, "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful" is an affiliate of  
14 "Keep America Beautiful" that promotes "America Recycles Day";  
15 therefore be it

16       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate November 15, 2021, as  
17 "Pennsylvania Recycles Day" and join "Keep Pennsylvania  
18 Beautiful" to make recycling bigger and better in Pennsylvania.