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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 26, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of June 2023 as "National Immigrant  
2 Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, During this month, we honor the countless  
4 contributions immigrants and their descendants have made and  
5 continue to make to our shared communities; and

6 WHEREAS, Immigrants are a significant part of the United  
7 States population and a crucial part of our nation's story; and

8 WHEREAS, While 5% of the total world population resides in  
9 the United States, close to 20% of all global migrants reside in  
10 the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth was home to 939,000 immigrant  
12 individuals in 2021, which made up 7.2% of this Commonwealth's  
13 total population; and

14 WHEREAS, Immigrants built our country, heroically serve on  
15 both military and health care frontlines, feed our communities  
16 and spark economic growth and innovation; and

1       WHEREAS, While immigrants make up approximately 14% of the  
2 United States population, they make up 18% of the labor force;  
3 and

4       WHEREAS, Fifteen percent of health care workers, including  
5 one-third of doctors in the United States, are immigrants; and

6       WHEREAS, Immigrants have also served in the armed forces of  
7 the United States during every major conflict since the United  
8 States was founded; and

9       WHEREAS, Additionally, nearly three-quarters of our farm  
10 workers are immigrants; and

11       WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands of immigrants performed the  
12 essential work of packing, stocking and shipping goods  
13 throughout this country during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

14       WHEREAS, Immigrants own approximately one in five businesses  
15 and almost half of all Fortune 500 companies were started by  
16 immigrants or their children; and

17       WHEREAS, Immigrants added \$2 trillion to the gross domestic  
18 product of the United States in 2016 and \$458.7 billion to  
19 Federal, State and local taxes in 2018; and

20       WHEREAS, Immigrants represent 16% of inventors in the United  
21 States and have produced 23% of patents, patent citations and  
22 the economic value of the patents; and

23       WHEREAS, Seven municipalities in this Commonwealth have  
24 recognized the tremendous value that immigrants bring to their  
25 communities by joining Welcoming America's global network of  
26 nonprofit organizations and governments committed to being  
27 welcoming places for all residents, including immigrants; and

28       WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has a long way to go in  
29 recognizing and encouraging the continued contributions of our  
30 immigrant residents; and

1       WHEREAS, "National Immigrant Heritage Month" was started to  
2 give "people across the United States an opportunity to annually  
3 explore their own heritage and celebrate the shared diversity  
4 that forms the unique story of America"; and

5       WHEREAS, This year marks the 10th anniversary of "National  
6 Immigrant Heritage Month" in the United States; and

7       WHEREAS, Two Presidents of the United States, 48 states and  
8 257 small towns and metropolitan areas across this country have  
9 joined together to honor immigrants during the month of June;  
10 and

11       WHEREAS, On May 31, 2023, President Joe Biden issued a  
12 proclamation recognizing June 2023 as "National Immigrant  
13 Heritage Month"; therefore be it

14       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
15 month of June 2023 as "National Immigrant Heritage Month" in  
16 Pennsylvania; and be it further

17       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate this  
18 Commonwealth's diversity and honor the important contributions  
19 immigrants have made and continue to make in this Commonwealth.