
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 521 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY MERSKI, JOZWIAK, FREEMAN, HARKINS, VITALI, RABB,
HILL-EVANS, HADDOCK, CONKLIN, PICKETT, BENHAM, KULIK,
SCHLOSSBERG, KHAN, PASHINSKI, KIM, VENKAT, NEILSON, CERRATO,
GALLAGHER, TWARDZIK AND DELLOSO, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2024 as "Polish American
2 Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This year is the 1,058th anniversary of the
4 documented history of Poland; and

5 WHEREAS, It is also the 416th anniversary of Polish settlers
6 arriving in the United States at Jamestown, Virginia, on October
7 1, 1608; and

8 WHEREAS, This year marks the 405th anniversary of the Polish
9 settlers who organized the first labor strike at Jamestown,
10 Virginia, the 85th anniversary of the German invasion of Poland
11 and the 80th anniversaries of the battle of Monte Cassino and
12 the Warsaw Uprising; and

13 WHEREAS, This month, the nation will be observing the 43rd
14 anniversary of "Polish American Heritage Month," which
15 highlights individuals of Polish heritage who have contributed
16 greatly to global advancement and the growth of the United
17 States and our Commonwealth; and

1 WHEREAS, General Kazimierz "Casimir" Pulaski, known as the
2 father of the American cavalry, is remembered as a hero who
3 fought for independence and freedom in Poland and in the United
4 States; and

5 WHEREAS, Marie Sklodowska Curie earned a share of the 1903
6 Nobel Prize in Physics for joint research on radiation and was
7 awarded the 1911 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for her discovery of
8 polonium and radium; and

9 WHEREAS, Ignacy Jan Paderewski, world-famous pianist and
10 composer, statesman and advocate for Polish freedom, was born in
11 Europe in 1860 and died in New York City in 1941; and

12 WHEREAS, Revolutionary War hero Tadeusz "Thaddeus"
13 Kosciuszko, renowned international conductor Leopold Stokowski,
14 former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski and former
15 United States Senator Edmund Muskie are other Polish notables;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Individuals of Polish heritage have many reasons to
18 celebrate their heritage, their culture and their achievements;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians are grateful for Polish Americans'
21 enduring contributions to the nation; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
23 month of October 2024 as "Polish American Heritage Month" in
24 Pennsylvania.