
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 11, 2016, as the "Day of the Girl" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Equality and universal access to education for every
4 girl and boy are among the United Nations' Millennium
5 Development Goals supported by 191 countries, including the
6 United States; and

7 WHEREAS, On December 19, 2011, the United Nations established
8 October 11 as the annual International Day of the Girl Child,
9 supported and cosponsored by the United States and 97 other
10 countries; and

11 WHEREAS, The "Day of the Girl" campaign calls on communities
12 across the globe to recognize that girls worldwide face many
13 injustices, such as violence, gender stereotypes,
14 discrimination, lack of education, child labor, early marriage
15 and economic inequality; and

16 WHEREAS, The goal of the "Day of the Girl" campaign is to
17 commence an open dialog regarding the issues that many young
18 girls face and to empower girls to fight for their rights and

1 equality; and

2 WHEREAS, This year marks the fifth observance of "Day of the
3 Girl," which continues to emphasize that girls in Pennsylvania
4 and across the world can realize their dreams by achieving
5 through education, especially by targeting the fast-changing
6 areas of science and technology in schools, universities and
7 vocational education programs so that girls develop the skills
8 for jobs that drive our 21st century economy; and

9 WHEREAS, Several groups throughout this Commonwealth,
10 including Girls on the Run, the Girl Scouts, the Women and Girls
11 Foundation of Southwest Pennsylvania, iTwixie and the Girls
12 Coalition of Southwestern Pennsylvania, have organized many
13 different activities aimed at the "Day of the Girl" observance,
14 including a Day of the Girl Summit in Pittsburgh; and

15 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives supports increasing
16 girls' participation and achievement in education, science and
17 math-related activities, increasing high school graduation rates
18 and providing equal opportunities for all girls by speaking out
19 against gender-based injustices, celebrating all girls'
20 potential and encouraging all girls to pursue their dreams
21 through education and otherwise; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October
23 11, 2016, as the "Day of the Girl" in Pennsylvania; and be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate and
26 thank all groups involved in promoting "Day of the Girl"
27 activities in this Commonwealth and all those who work every day
28 to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human
29 rights for their efforts to help girls in this Commonwealth and
30 elsewhere achieve their full potential.