
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REICHARD, RAPP, MENTZER AND ZIMMERMAN, JUNE 30, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
OPERATIONS, JUNE 30, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 12, 2025, as "The Day of the Bible" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Bible has long been a foundational text in
4 shaping the moral, cultural and spiritual heritage of the United
5 States and this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, September 12, 1782, marks a historic milestone in
7 American history when the Congress of the United States, during
8 the American Revolutionary War, officially approved the
9 publication of the first complete English-language Bible printed
10 in America, known as the "Aitken Bible" or "The Bible of the
11 Revolution"; and

12 WHEREAS, This monumental event took place in Philadelphia
13 under the direction of a committee of Congress led by James
14 Duane, and with the endorsement of the Congressional chaplains,
15 thereby marking Pennsylvania as a birthplace of both American
16 liberty and spiritual legacy; and

17 WHEREAS, The Aitken Bible served not only as a religious text

1 but also as a symbol of national resilience, unity and the
2 importance of self-governance during one of the most trying
3 times in the nation's history; and

4 WHEREAS, For centuries, the Bible has offered inspiration,
5 comfort and moral guidance to countless Pennsylvanians and
6 Americans, influencing individual lives and informing the values
7 of justice, compassion, redemption and personal responsibility;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Recognizing September 12 annually as "The Day of the
10 Bible" provides an opportunity for the residents of this
11 Commonwealth to reflect on the enduring impact of the Bible on
12 our shared cultural and historical identity, and to reaffirm the
13 principles of liberty, equality and justice that form the
14 bedrock of our nation; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
16 September 12, 2025, as "The Day of the Bible" in Pennsylvania;
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage
19 schools, civic institutions and community organizations to
20 observe this day with appropriate educational, historical and
21 cultural programs and activities that highlight the Bible's
22 significance in our Commonwealth's past and present.