
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MACKENZIE, MOUL AND MILLARD, OCTOBER 21, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
OCTOBER 21, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 29, 2019, as "Amusement Park Day" in
2 Pennsylvania to honor amusement parks and family theme parks
3 in this Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to numerous amusement parks and
5 family theme parks that offer entertainment, attractions, rides
6 and events for the enjoyment of individuals and families; and

7 WHEREAS, Among the numerous amusement parks and family theme
8 parks in this Commonwealth that are worthy of recognition are
9 the following:

10 (1) Camelback Lodge and Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark, the
11 largest indoor water park on the East Coast, is located in
12 Pocono Township, Monroe County;

13 (2) Conneaut Lake Park in Crawford County was founded in
14 1892 as Exposition Park, a permanent fairground and
15 exposition for livestock, machinery and industrial products

1 from western Pennsylvania, and was renamed in 1920 to reflect
2 its nature as a summer resort amusement park;

3 (3) DelGrosso's Amusement Park in Tipton, Blair County,
4 a family-oriented amusement park purchased by the DelGrosso
5 family in 1946, was named "Bland's Park" until 2000;

6 (4) Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom in South Whitehall
7 Township, Lehigh County, traces its history back to 1860 when
8 Solomon Dorney built a trout hatchery and summer resort on
9 his estate outside Allentown;

10 (5) Dutch Wonderland in East Lampeter Township,
11 Lancaster County, opened in 1963, and its theme is "Kingdom
12 for Kids" because of its primary appeal to families with
13 young children;

14 (6) Great Wolf Lodge is an indoor water park resort that
15 opened in 2005 in the Pocono Mountain region of this
16 Commonwealth in Pocono Township, Monroe County;

17 (7) Hersheypark in Derry Township, Dauphin County,
18 founded in 1906 by Milton S. Hershey as a leisure park for
19 employees of the Hershey Chocolate Company, opened an Allan
20 Herschell carousel often referred to as the "Merry-Go-Round"
21 as its first ride in 1908 and now operates more than 70
22 rides, including 13 roller coasters;

23 (8) Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, an indoor
24 water park with an African theme, named after the Kalahari
25 Desert in southern Africa, opened in 2015 in Pocono Township,
26 Monroe County;

27 (9) Kennywood in West Mifflin, Allegheny County, opened
28 as a trolley park attraction at the end of the Monongahela
29 Street Railway in 1899;

30 (10) Knoebels Amusement Resort, opened in 1926, is a

1 family-owned and family-operated amusement park, picnic grove
2 and campground located in Cleveland and Franklin Townships,
3 Columbia County, and Ralpho Township, Northumberland County;

4 (11) Lakemont Park and the Island Waterpark in Altoona,
5 Blair County, housing the world's oldest surviving roller
6 coaster, opened in 1894 as a trolley park and subsequently
7 became an amusement park in 1899;

8 (12) Sesame Place, a children's theme park based on the
9 television program *Sesame Street*, opened in 1980 in
10 Middletown Township, Bucks County;

11 (13) Split Rock Resort Indoor Waterpark, also known as
12 the H20ooohh!! Indoor Family Water Park, is located in Kidder
13 Township, Carbon County; and

14 (14) Waldameer Park and Water World, at the base of
15 Presque Isle in Millcreek Township, Erie County, began as a
16 picnic area called Hoffman's Grove and was renamed
17 "Waldameer" after the Erie Electric Motor Company leased the
18 park in 1896;

19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate October
21 29, 2019, as "Amusement Park Day" in Pennsylvania to honor
22 amusement parks and family theme parks in this Commonwealth; and
23 be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge individuals
25 and families to take the opportunity to visit the numerous
26 amusement parks and family theme parks across this Commonwealth.