
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 352 Session of 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 28, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 14, 2015, as "National Flag Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On June 14, 2015, Americans will observe the 238th
4 anniversary of the flag of the United States of America; and

5 WHEREAS, This special day provides a time for the residents
6 of this Commonwealth to reflect on the rich history of our
7 nation's flag and its meaning to Americans and people around the
8 world; and

9 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America are deeply committed to
10 preserving the American tradition of honoring "National Flag
11 Day"; and

12 WHEREAS, The Continental Congress adopted the Stars and

1 Stripes as the official flag of the United States on June 14,
2 1777; and

3 WHEREAS, Describing the new flag, the Congress wrote, "White
4 signifies Purity and Innocence; Red, Hardiness and Valor; Blue
5 signifies Vigilance, Perseverance and Justice"; and

6 WHEREAS, Over time, the flag's design evolved to keep pace
7 with our nation's development and growth, but its meaning as a
8 symbol of democracy and freedom has remained constant; and

9 WHEREAS, Flag Day was first celebrated throughout the country
10 in 1877; and

11 WHEREAS, As so often happens in our communities, a caring
12 teacher encouraging students to develop a love for learning was
13 the person who sparked renewed interest in the flag; and

14 WHEREAS, Wisconsin school teacher B. J. Cigrand arranged for
15 his pupils in 1885 to observe the 108th anniversary of the
16 flag's official adoption; and

17 WHEREAS, In magazine and newspaper articles and public
18 addresses in the following years, Cigrand promoted an official
19 national celebration of June 14 as Flag Birthday or Flag Day;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Groups in Pennsylvania, New York and Illinois took
22 up the cause, and after three decades of state and local
23 celebrations, President Woodrow Wilson officially established
24 Flag Day by proclamation in 1916; and

25 WHEREAS, During World War II, Americans looked to the purity,
26 hardiness, valor, vigilance, perseverance and justice
27 represented by the flag as ideals worthy of the ultimate
28 sacrifice in order to defeat tyranny; and

29 WHEREAS, In celebration of the flag's powerful meaning to
30 Americans and its place in our culture and history, Flag Day

1 became a national observance by act of Congress in 1949 and
2 signed into law by President Harry Truman; and

3 WHEREAS, On August 3, 1949, to commemorate the adoption of
4 the United States flag, Congress, by joint resolution,
5 designated June 14 of each year as Flag Day and requested the
6 president to issue an annual proclamation calling for a national
7 observance and for the display of the flag of the United States
8 on all Federal Government buildings; and

9 WHEREAS, In a second joint resolution approved June 9, 1966,
10 Congress requested the president to issue annually a
11 proclamation designating the week during which June 14 falls as
12 "National Flag Week" and called upon all citizens of the United
13 States to display the flag during that week; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize June
15 14, 2015, as "National Flag Day" in Pennsylvania.