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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY STAMBAUGH, KAUFFMAN, R. MACKENZIE, STAATS,  
PICKETT, GREINER, LEADBETER, JAMES, MARCELL, ECKER, HAMM,  
JOZWIAK, KAZEEM, T. JONES AND ROWE, DECEMBER 12, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 12, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Providing for the annual designation and holiday observance of  
2 June 14 as Flag Day, September 17 as Constitution Day and  
3 March 4 as Charter Day in this Commonwealth.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Significant  
8 Holiday Designation Act.

9 Section 2. Legislative findings.

10 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

11 (1) Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag of  
12 the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the  
13 Second Continental Congress.

14 (2) Constitution Day commemorates the September 17,  
15 1787, signing of the Constitution of the United States, the  
16 most important of our nation's founding documents.

17 (3) Charter Day commemorates when William Penn received  
18 the Charter Contract of Pennsylvania from Britain's King

1 Charles II in 1681. Charter Day allows all Pennsylvanians,  
2 and people the world over, to reflect on Penn's "Holy  
3 Experiment" in government, one operating on principles of  
4 justice, liberty, freedom, tolerance and respect for all.

5 Section 3. Designations.

6 (a) Flag Day.--June 14 shall be designated Flag Day in this  
7 Commonwealth.

8 (b) Constitution Day.--September 17 shall be designated  
9 Constitution Day in this Commonwealth.

10 (c) Charter Day.--March 4 shall be designated Charter Day in  
11 this Commonwealth.

12 Section 4. Construction.

13 Nothing in this act shall be construed as requiring an  
14 employer to treat a day designated under this act as a legal or  
15 official holiday or to provide paid leave to an employee on a  
16 day designated under this act solely by virtue of the date being  
17 designated under this act.

18 Section 5. Effective date.

19 This act shall take effect immediately.