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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MAHONEY AND GILLEN, OCTOBER 18, 2016

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OCTOBER 18, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2016 as "Archives Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The historical documents and records of our nation  
4 and our Commonwealth provide a crucial link to our past; and

5 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes the growing  
6 importance of maintaining its own legislative, committee and  
7 individual member records for posterity; and

8 WHEREAS, For more than 35 years, the House of Representatives  
9 Archives has served as the official archival repository for the  
10 records of elected members, committees and administrative  
11 agencies of that body; and

12 WHEREAS, These historical records and documents, if not  
13 professionally collected, cataloged and preserved by dedicated  
14 archivists and staff and housed in a secure location, would be  
15 lost to future generations of our citizens; and

1       WHEREAS, The House of Representatives Archives seeks to share  
2 the valuable historical information and documents in its  
3 holdings with researchers, legislators, staff members and the  
4 public; and

5       WHEREAS, These records are accessible through many programs,  
6 including the collection of House Committee records from 1971 to  
7 the present, an interactive online historical, biographical  
8 directory of members dating from 1862 to the present and an  
9 extensive collection of more than 125 oral history interviews  
10 with legislators, which allows former representatives to record  
11 their experiences and discuss their legislation while they  
12 served in the House of Representatives, providing scholars and  
13 citizens alike with the ability to consult and utilize these  
14 historically valuable resources; therefore be it

15       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
16 invaluable contribution of its archival repository and its  
17 committed staff members; and be it further

18       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
19 month of October 2016 as "Archives Month" in Pennsylvania; and  
20 be it further

21       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all  
22 Pennsylvanians to visit their local archives, historical  
23 repositories and libraries to learn more about the contributions  
24 of historical documents and records to the discovery of the rich  
25 heritage of this Commonwealth.