

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 172 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY McCARTER, MURT, DEAN, SCHLOSSBERG, SOLOMON, FREEMAN, SONNEY, DUSH, DRISCOLL, TOOHIL, READSHAW, KINSEY, LONGIETTI, HILL-EVANS, HENNESSEY, BOBACK, WATSON, DAVIS, VITALI, SAMUELSON, FRANKEL, J. HARRIS, V. BROWN, DIGIROLAMO, WARREN, O'BRIEN, BULLOCK, CALTAGIRONE, SCHWEYER, NEILSON, MILLARD, SCHLEGEL CULVER, GOODMAN, ROEBUCK, D. COSTA AND MARSICO, MARCH 22, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 22, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 22 through 29, 2017, as "Earth
2 Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Earth Day" was first held on April 22, 1970, in
4 response to a growing movement among many of the nation's young
5 adults over concerns of the continued deterioration of natural
6 environments; and

7 WHEREAS, The annual observation of "Earth Day" brings
8 environmental organizations, communities and groups of
9 individuals from many different demographics together to foster
10 support for environmental initiatives and programs; and

11 WHEREAS, "Earth Day" is considered to be the largest secular
12 observance in the world and is celebrated by more than 1 billion
13 people worldwide; and

14 WHEREAS, While "Earth Day" remains an important day to focus
15 on the need to protect the environment, many college campuses

1 and environmental groups now dedicate an entire week to "Earth
2 Day" activities and, thus unofficially celebrate "Earth Week";
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth would benefit by joining these
5 institutions and organizations to increase conservation-related
6 educational opportunities and extend recognition of the
7 importance of protecting our planet to one week; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
9 week of April 22 through 29, 2017, as "Earth Week" in
10 Pennsylvania.