
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 3, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the volunteers participating in Keep Pennsylvania
2 Beautiful's Great American Cleanup of PA from March 1 through
3 May 31, 2013.

4 WHEREAS, The Great American Cleanup of PA is celebrating its
5 ninth year of involving people throughout this Commonwealth in
6 the cleanup of litter and trash along our roadsides, streams,
7 beaches, parks, forests and neighborhoods to make our
8 communities clean and beautiful; and

9 WHEREAS, Last year, 141,264 volunteers from all 67 counties
10 of this Commonwealth participated in 4,421 events as part of the
11 Great American Cleanup of PA; and

12 WHEREAS, Volunteers collected 338,148 bags, or 6,762,960
13 pounds, of trash, cleaned 12,534 miles of roads, railroad
14 tracks, trails, waterways or shorelines and 14,046 acres of
15 parks or wetlands and planted 22,511 trees, bulbs and plants in

1 an effort to keep Pennsylvania beautiful; and

2 WHEREAS, Since 2004, more than 1.2 million volunteers have
3 participated in the cleanups, collecting more than 68 million
4 pounds of litter and waste, cleaning 106,000 miles of roads and
5 planting more than 76,000 trees, bulbs and flowers in this
6 Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, The Great American Cleanup of PA was organized with
8 the help of a broad partnership of State agencies, nonprofit
9 groups, businesses and other associations, including Keep
10 America Beautiful, the Department of Environmental Protection,
11 the Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Beverage
12 Association, the Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association, the
13 Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association, Waste Management, the
14 Steel Recycling Institute, the American Chemistry Council,
15 Greenstar Recycling, Republic Services, Audubon Society of
16 Western Pennsylvania, York County Solid Waste Authority and the
17 West Ward Neighborhood Partnership; and

18 WHEREAS, The Department of Environmental Protection and the
19 Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association are arranging for the
20 free disposal of trash collected during the Let's Pick It Up PA-
21 Everyday initiative, April 20 through May 6, for groups
22 registered in the Great American Cleanup of PA; and

23 WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation and Keep America
24 Beautiful are providing free cleanup supplies, such as bags,
25 gloves and vests, for Great American Cleanup of PA participants;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, Sponsors of Pick It Up PA Days, including the
28 Department of Environmental Protection, the Pennsylvania Waste
29 Industries Association and participating landfills, are
30 providing free disposal for volunteers participating in

1 registered events during the Pick It Up PA Days, April 20
2 through May 6; and

3 WHEREAS, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful organizers have
4 scheduled cleanup events in which residents of all 67 counties
5 can participate and have posted those events at
6 <http://gacofpa.org/greatpacleanup/GPCMainSearch.asp>; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2011, Keep America Beautiful recognized the
8 Department of Transportation for exemplary contributions and
9 support of the Great American Cleanup of PA and the national
10 Great American Cleanup for the eighth consecutive year; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2011, Keep America Beautiful recognized Keep
12 Pennsylvania Beautiful for 100% county participation in the
13 Great American Cleanup of PA; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and
15 honor the thousands of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and Keep
16 America Beautiful volunteers and all participating and
17 supporting agencies and organizations of the Great American
18 Cleanup of PA from March 1 through May 31, 2013, for their
19 efforts to keep Pennsylvania beautiful; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge its members
21 and other elected officials, residents, businesses, nonprofit
22 organizations and groups and individuals throughout this
23 Commonwealth to commit to removing litter in our neighborhoods
24 and communities in support of the Great American Cleanup of PA.