
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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GILLEN, MAY 9, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 9, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress and the President of the United States to
2 enact a law to rename the Federal holiday known as
3 "Washington's Birthday," which is celebrated on the third
4 Monday of February, as "Presidents' Day," in honor and
5 recognition of Presidents George Washington and Abraham
6 Lincoln.

7 WHEREAS, The birthday of this nation's first Chief Executive,
8 President George Washington, is February 22, 1732; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1879, an act of the Congress of the United States
10 designated February 22 as "Washington's Birthday," the first
11 Federal holiday for government offices; and

12 WHEREAS, The Federal holiday of "Washington's Birthday" was
13 moved in 1971 to the third Monday in February by the Uniform
14 Monday Holiday Act; and

15 WHEREAS, The Federal holiday of "Washington's Birthday" is
16 often incorrectly referred to as "Presidents' Day" in
17 recognition of Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, About one dozen states have renamed their own

1 "Washington's Birthday" observances as "Presidents' Day,"
2 "Washington and Lincoln Day" or some other designation which
3 does not honor President Washington exclusively; and

4 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for the entire nation to
5 officially honor both President Washington, who formed this
6 nation, and President Lincoln, who preserved this nation; and

7 WHEREAS, The Federal holiday observed on the third Monday of
8 February should be renamed "Presidents' Day" in recognition of
9 Presidents Washington and Lincoln; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
11 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress and the President
12 of the United States to enact a law to rename the Federal
13 holiday known as "Washington's Birthday," which is celebrated on
14 the third Monday of February, as "Presidents' Day," in honor and
15 recognition of Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.