
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 9, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 7 through 13, 2024, as "National
2 Library Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The first "National Library Week" was observed in
4 1958 with the theme "Wake up and Read!"; and

5 WHEREAS, In the mid-1950s, research showed that Americans
6 were spending less money on books and more on radios,
7 televisions and musical instruments; and

8 WHEREAS, Due to this shift, the American Library Association
9 and the American Book Publishers formed an organization in 1954
10 called the National Book Committee; and

11 WHEREAS, The committee's goals were aimed at encouraging
12 people to read and the individuals involved developed a plan
13 that led to the first "National Library Week"; and

14 WHEREAS, "National Library Week" is an annual celebration
15 that highlights the valuable role of libraries, librarians and
16 library workers; and

17 WHEREAS, Libraries across the United States observe and

1 celebrate this week dedicated to libraries and the impact they
2 have; and

3 WHEREAS, The theme for 2024 is "Ready, Set, Library!"; and

4 WHEREAS, Libraries and the individuals who work there are
5 dedicated to working on transforming lives through the power of
6 reading and strengthening the communities they serve; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition to providing books to the community,
8 libraries also provide technology such as computers that can be
9 used for research; and

10 WHEREAS, Libraries in Pennsylvania serve millions of visitors
11 and conduct programs for children, parents, entrepreneurs,
12 senior citizens and students; and

13 WHEREAS, Librarians and library workers vigorously work to
14 ensure that libraries across this Commonwealth are well equipped
15 to promote learning in their communities; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
17 week of April 7 through 13, 2024, as "National Library Week" in
18 Pennsylvania.