

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 451 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY KHAN, KUZMA, GREEN, DAVANZO, CEPHAS, DONAHUE, HILL-EVANS, WAXMAN, SCHLOSSBERG, GIRAL, MAYES, KINSEY, MERSKI, SANCHEZ, BOROWSKI, CURRY, KAZEEM, CIRESI, HADDOCK, HOHENSTEIN, M. MACKENZIE, ROZZI, COOK, PASHINSKI, A. BROWN, D. WILLIAMS, KENYATTA AND NEILSON, MAY 24, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, MAY 24, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of June 17 through 23, 2024, as "Sanitation  
2 Workers Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The week of June 17 has been designated as the  
4 annual event to celebrate and show appreciation for waste and  
5 recycling workers; and

6 WHEREAS, Every year an average of 1,400 pounds of municipal  
7 waste is generated by Pennsylvania households; and

8 WHEREAS, According to 2021 data, an estimated 9.6 million  
9 tons of municipal waste is generated by Pennsylvanians annually;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, More than 6,000 Pennsylvania residents are employed  
12 in the sanitation industry as of 2023; and

13 WHEREAS, Common daily duties of sanitation workers include  
14 collecting, transporting and properly disposing of refuse and  
15 recyclable materials; and

16 WHEREAS, Sanitation work is physically taxing and labor

1 intensive; and

2 WHEREAS, Sanitation departments are often plagued by high  
3 rates of injuries among staff, a high turnover rate and frequent  
4 equipment challenges; and

5 WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, sanitation workers  
6 showed up everyday to keep our communities clean and safe  
7 despite the risk of exposure; and

8 WHEREAS, Trash collection rose approximately 30% when stay-  
9 at-home orders were implemented due to the pandemic; and

10 WHEREAS, Many sanitation workers were forced to work 10 to 12  
11 hours a day, six to seven days a week for months on end; and

12 WHEREAS, The work that sanitation workers do is both  
13 invaluable and fundamental to our daily lives and the  
14 environment; and

15 WHEREAS, We owe our gratitude to the hardworking  
16 Pennsylvanians who keep our streets clean and safe from harm;  
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
19 week of June 17 through 23, 2024, as "Sanitation Workers Week"  
20 in Pennsylvania; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives thank local  
22 sanitation crews for their service to Pennsylvania communities  
23 and this Commonwealth and urge residents to do the same.