
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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KINSEY, BOYD AND SANCHEZ, JUNE 5, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
JUNE 5, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of June 2024 as "National Immigrant
2 Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, During this month, we honor the countless
4 contributions immigrants and their descendants have made and
5 continue to make to our shared communities; and

6 WHEREAS, Immigrants are a significant part of the United
7 States population and a crucial part of our nation's story; and

8 WHEREAS, While 5% of the total world population resides in
9 the United States, close to 20% of all global migrants reside in
10 the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth was home to 939,000 immigrant
12 individuals in 2021, which made up 7.2% of this Commonwealth's
13 total population; and

14 WHEREAS, Immigrants built our country, heroically serve on
15 both military and health care frontlines, feed our communities
16 and spark economic growth and innovation; and

17 WHEREAS, While immigrants make up approximately 14% of the

1 United States population, they make up 18% of the labor force;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Fifteen percent of health care workers, including
4 one-third of doctors in the United States, are immigrants; and

5 WHEREAS, Immigrants have also served in the armed forces of
6 the United States during every major conflict since the United
7 States was founded; and

8 WHEREAS, Additionally, nearly three-quarters of our farm
9 workers are immigrants; and

10 WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands of immigrants performed the
11 essential work of packing, stocking and shipping goods
12 throughout this country during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

13 WHEREAS, Immigrants own approximately one in five businesses,
14 and almost half of all Fortune 500 companies were started by
15 immigrants or their children; and

16 WHEREAS, Immigrants added \$2 trillion to the gross domestic
17 product of the United States in 2016 and \$458.7 billion to
18 Federal, State and local taxes in 2018; and

19 WHEREAS, Immigrants represent 16% of inventors in the United
20 States and have produced 23% of patents, patent citations and
21 the economic value of the patents; and

22 WHEREAS, Seven municipalities in this Commonwealth have
23 recognized the tremendous value that immigrants bring to their
24 communities by joining Welcoming America's global network of
25 nonprofit organizations and governments committed to being
26 welcoming places for all residents, including immigrants; and

27 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has a long way to go in
28 recognizing and encouraging the continued contributions of our
29 immigrant residents; and

30 WHEREAS, "National Immigrant Heritage Month" was started to

1 give "people across the United States an opportunity to annually
2 explore their own heritage and celebrate the shared diversity
3 that forms the unique story of America"; and

4 WHEREAS, This year marks the 11th anniversary of "National
5 Immigrant Heritage Month" in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Two Presidents of the United States, 48 states and
7 257 small towns and metropolitan areas across this country have
8 joined together to honor immigrants during the month of June;
9 therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
11 month of June 2024 as "National Immigrant Heritage Month" in
12 Pennsylvania; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate this
14 Commonwealth's diversity and honor the important contributions
15 immigrants have made and continue to make in this Commonwealth.