
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 491 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY DONATUCCI, YOUNGBLOOD, COHEN, KINSEY, ROZZI,
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GINGRICH, MATZIE, FARINA AND SCHWEYER, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 21, 2015, as "Peace Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, September 21, 2015, marks the 31st anniversary of
3 the United Nations International Day of Peace, otherwise known
4 as "Peace Day"; and

5 WHEREAS, International Day of Peace was established by United
6 Nations Resolution 36/67, which was adopted unanimously on
7 November 30, 1981; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2001, the General Assembly of the United Nations
9 unanimously adopted resolution 55/282, which declared September
10 21 as an annual day of nonviolence and cease-fire; and

11 WHEREAS, The United Nations Association of Greater
12 Philadelphia established "Peace Day Philly" with cooperation
13 from a wide range of other groups in order to promote peace and
14 nonviolence; and

15 WHEREAS, "Peace Day Philly," which organizes "Peace Day"

1 activities in the City of Brotherly Love, annually involves
2 dozens of local and international organizations in building a
3 culture of peace; and

4 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth was founded as a haven for civil
5 and religious freedom by Quakers and other immigrants who put
6 their faith not in war, but in peaceful coexistence; and

7 WHEREAS, With wars destroying lives and communities in
8 nations near and far, peace could not be more desperately
9 needed; and

10 WHEREAS, It is commendable that peace organizations promote
11 the United Nations "International Day of Peace"; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
13 September 21, 2015, as "Peace Day" in Pennsylvania.