
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 746 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY DONATUCCI, NEILSON, HENNESSEY, KINSEY, WARD,
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DIGIROLAMO, BURNS, DRISCOLL, STURLA, SCHWEYER, SAINATO,
CALTAGIRONE, HILL-EVANS, MARSICO, WATSON, B. MILLER AND
GOODMAN, MARCH 12, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 12, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 13, 2018, as "K9 Veterans and Services Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Throughout the history of this Commonwealth and the
4 nation, thousands of dogs and their handlers, trainers and other
5 helpers have served in the military, law enforcement and other
6 various capacities with honor, dignity and valor to protect
7 life, liberty and property; and

8 WHEREAS, The official United States K9 Corps was created on
9 March 13, 1942, for service in World War II and beyond; and

10 WHEREAS, Joseph J. White, a retired military working dog
11 handler, established "K9 Veterans Day," an annual day of
12 recognition on March 13 to raise awareness throughout the
13 country of the important services provided by dogs and their
14 handlers, trainers and other helpers in the military, law
15 enforcement and other various groups; and

1 WHEREAS, Many residents of this Commonwealth participate in
2 working dog training and operational activities to protect lives
3 and property; and

4 WHEREAS, Dogs and their handlers, trainers and other helpers
5 are involved in customs, search and rescue, border patrol,
6 police services, secret service, drug enforcement and many other
7 capacities, all of which deserve recognition; and

8 WHEREAS, Military working dogs save and protect our way of
9 life in this Commonwealth and the nation through their role in
10 the war on terror and other military conflicts; and

11 WHEREAS, The military, law enforcement and many other
12 government agencies and groups have recognized working dogs as
13 being loyal, loving, devoted and known for placing themselves in
14 harm's way to protect their handlers, trainers and other
15 helpers; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
17 13, 2018, as "K9 Veterans and Services Day" in Pennsylvania to
18 acknowledge, support and express gratitude for the laudable
19 services provided by working dogs and their handlers, trainers
20 and other helpers; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
22 governmental agencies and other groups that use working dogs to
23 make efforts on March 13, 2018, to recognize and appreciate the
24 protection and assistance that working dogs provide to this
25 Commonwealth and the nation.