
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 18, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 6 through 12, 2018, as "Drinking
2 Water Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, While more than 70% of the earth's surface is
4 covered with water, only 1% of that water is suitable for human
5 consumption; and

6 WHEREAS, Groundwater, the water that soaks into the soil from
7 raindrops and moves downward to fill cracks and other openings
8 in beds of rock and sand, makes up about 30% of the fresh water
9 on earth, not including polar icecaps; and

10 WHEREAS, Individual water wells tapping groundwater resources
11 provide high-quality water to many homeowners and businesses;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Few people consider water supply when choosing a
14 home or when taking a stand on local water supply regulations;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, There are 1,949 municipality-owned or investor-owned
17 community drinking water systems providing high-quality water to
18 homeowners and businesses; and

1 WHEREAS, Federal and State drinking water standards are
2 upheld by the Department of Environmental Protection for all of
3 those systems; and

4 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission regulates
5 the rates and service of investor-owned water companies in this
6 Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, The mission of the Pennsylvania Public Utility
8 Commission is to ensure that safe and reliable service is
9 provided to ratepayers at a reasonable price; and

10 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority
11 (PENNVEST) provides low-cost financial assistance for
12 infrastructure improvements to community drinking water systems;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Ongoing cooperation among the Department of
15 Environmental Protection, the Pennsylvania Public Utility
16 Commission and PENNVEST strengthens drinking water system
17 viability, enhances service, increases economies of scale,
18 regionally maximizes efficient water supply and use and fosters
19 economic development; and

20 WHEREAS, A State water plan has been developed to coordinate
21 regional, county and local water allocation and use, land
22 development planning and related zoning requirements under Act
23 220 of 2002; and

24 WHEREAS, The American Water Works Association established
25 "National Drinking Water Week" more than 40 years ago to call
26 attention to water as a precious natural resource; and

27 WHEREAS, Water conservation and water quality maintenance are
28 essential to this Commonwealth and our nation; and

29 WHEREAS, Many of us take for granted the instantaneous
30 availability on a 24-hour basis of safe and reliable drinking

1 water service provided by viable community drinking water
2 systems; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
4 week of May 6 through 12, 2018, as "Drinking Water Week" in
5 Pennsylvania to heighten awareness of drinking water treatment,
6 monitoring, distribution and related costs and urge all
7 residents of this Commonwealth to protect our watersheds,
8 conserve our precious drinking water supply and preserve its
9 superior quality.