
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 84 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY RYAN, BARRAR, BIZZARRO, BOBACK, D. COSTA, COX,
DIAMOND, DUSH, ENGLISH, GABLER, HENNESSEY, PHILLIPS-HILL,
KAUFFMAN, W. KELLER, KINSEY, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MENTZER,
MILLARD, MURT, NEILSON, O'NEILL, READSHAW, SANKEY, SAYLOR,
SOLOMON, SONNEY, STAATS, TOEPEL AND WARD, FEBRUARY 13, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 13, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Pennsylvania National Guard's environmental
2 office on winning first place in the Sustainability Team in
3 the 2016 Army National Guard Environmental Awards contest and
4 expressing appreciation to the Pennsylvania National Guard
5 and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for their
6 environmental stewardship efforts.

7 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania National Guard's environmental
8 office, staffed by both Pennsylvania National Guard members and
9 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs civilians won first
10 place in the Sustainability Team in the 2016 Army National Guard
11 Environmental Awards contest; and

12 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania National Guard and the Department
13 of Military and Veterans Affairs continuously strives to improve
14 environmental stewardship efforts while training for and
15 performing their Federal and State missions; and

16 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Environmental Management is dedicated
17 to environmental excellence in supporting the missions of the
18 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Pennsylvania

1 National Guard; and

2 WHEREAS, Fort Indiantown Gap is committed to compliance with
3 all Federal, State and local environmental laws and strives to
4 improve relationships with environmental regulators and the
5 community; and

6 WHEREAS, Whether it is soldiers preparing for overseas
7 deployments and state emergencies or focusing on natural
8 resource management and pollution control, the Department of
9 Military and Veterans Affairs considers the protection of the
10 environment as a priority; and

11 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania National Guard was able to recycle
12 more than 150,000 pounds of batteries as well as more than
13 225,000 pounds of brass. These initiatives helped both the
14 environment as well as providing nearly \$450,000 in revenue or
15 saved disposal costs; and

16 WHEREAS, The Sustainability Team is constantly searching for
17 ways to minimize waste disposal and to expand waste diversion,
18 which benefits both the environment and the military; and

19 WHEREAS, Environmental protection sustains valuable training
20 areas, fosters community goodwill and prevents unnecessary
21 expenses; and

22 WHEREAS, Fort Indiantown Gap is committed to pollution
23 prevention and minimizing waste generation, especially hazardous
24 waste, through the efficient use of materials, effective
25 inventory management and careful planning; and

26 WHEREAS, Fort Indiantown Gap has established a collaborative
27 and productive working relationship with the Ward Burton
28 Wildlife Foundation and Capital Region Water for an easement of
29 8,200 acres of land that serves as a nature conservancy and a
30 key flight training route, thus protecting the critical main

1 water source for the City of Harrisburg; and

2 WHEREAS, Fort Indiantown Gap invites the public to tour Regal
3 Fritillary Butterfly habitats in areas normally closed to the
4 public to educate citizens on how the installation balances the
5 conservation efforts for this species with concern for military
6 training; and

7 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Environmental Management handles
8 issues ranging from endangered species to cultural resources to
9 hazardous waste; and

10 WHEREAS, The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
11 commits to continuously improving environmental performance in
12 concert with enhanced mission readiness, considers potential
13 environmental impacts of operational activities and individual
14 duties and minimizes impacts to the natural environment whenever
15 possible; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the
17 Pennsylvania National Guard's environmental office on winning
18 first place in the Sustainability Team in the 2016 Army National
19 Guard Environmental Awards contest; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express
21 appreciation to the Pennsylvania National Guard and the
22 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for their
23 environmental stewardship efforts.