
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MALAGARI, READSHAW AND SCHWEYER, APRIL 30, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, APRIL 30, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating September 2, 2020, as "V-J Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, September 2, 2020, marks the 75th anniversary of the
3 signing of the Japanese Instrument of Surrender aboard the
4 battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, ending World War II; and

5 WHEREAS, On August 15, 1945, Japanese Emperor Hirohito urged
6 his people to accept the terms of surrender set by the Potsdam
7 Declaration; and

8 WHEREAS, On September 2, 1945, the Japanese foreign minister,
9 Mamoru Shigemitsu, and the chief of staff of the Japanese army,
10 Yoshijiro Umezu, signed the Instrument of Surrender; and

11 WHEREAS, General Douglas MacArthur, Commander in the
12 Southwest Pacific and the Supreme Commander for the Allied
13 Powers, accepted the Japanese surrender on behalf of the Allied
14 Powers; and

15 WHEREAS, The following representatives were present for the

1 Allied Powers: Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz for the United
2 States of America, General Hsu Yung-chang for China, Admiral Sir
3 Bruce Fraser for the United Kingdom, Lieutenant General Kuzma
4 Derevyanko for the Soviet Union, General Sir Thomas Blamey and
5 Colonel Lawrence Moore Cosgrave for Canada, General de Corps
6 d'Armee Philippe Leclerc de Hauteclocque for France, Lieutenant
7 Admiral C.E.L. Helfrich for the Netherlands and Air Vice Marshal
8 Leonard M. Isitt for New Zealand; and

9 WHEREAS, President Harry S. Truman received the Instrument of
10 Surrender on September 7, 1945; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate
12 September 2, 2020, as "V-J Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That local governments and communities throughout
15 this Commonwealth are encouraged to conduct appropriate "V-J
16 Day" observances to ensure that the many who sacrificed for that
17 day are not forgotten.