
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MAHONEY AND DeLUCA, JUNE 3, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 3, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 14, 2014, as "National Flag Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On June 14, 2014, Americans will observe the 237th
4 anniversary of the flag of the United States of America; and

5 WHEREAS, This special day provides a time for the residents
6 of this Commonwealth to reflect on the rich history of our
7 nation's flag and its meaning to Americans and people around the
8 world; and

9 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America are deeply committed to
10 preserving the American tradition of honoring National Flag Day;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The Continental Congress adopted the Stars and
13 Stripes as the official flag of the United States on June 14,

1 1777; and

2 WHEREAS, Describing the new flag, the Congress wrote, "White
3 signifies Purity and Innocence; Red, Hardiness and Valor; Blue
4 signifies Vigilance, Perseverance and Justice"; and

5 WHEREAS, Over time, the flag's design evolved to keep pace
6 with our nation's development and growth, but its meaning as a
7 symbol of democracy and freedom has remained constant; and

8 WHEREAS, Flag Day was first celebrated throughout the country
9 in 1877; and

10 WHEREAS, As so often happens in our communities, a caring
11 teacher encouraging students to develop a love for learning was
12 the person who sparked renewed interest in the flag; and

13 WHEREAS, Wisconsin school teacher B. J. Cigrand arranged for
14 his pupils in 1885 to observe the 108th anniversary of the
15 flag's official adoption; and

16 WHEREAS, In magazine and newspaper articles and public
17 addresses in the following years, Cigrand promoted an official
18 national celebration of June 14 as Flag Birthday or Flag Day;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Groups in Pennsylvania, New York and Illinois took
21 up the cause, and after three decades of state and local
22 celebrations, President Woodrow Wilson officially established
23 Flag Day by proclamation in 1916; and

24 WHEREAS, During World War II, Americans looked to the purity,
25 hardiness, valor, vigilance, perseverance and justice
26 represented by the flag as ideals worthy of the ultimate
27 sacrifice in order to defeat tyranny; and

28 WHEREAS, In celebration of the flag's powerful meaning to
29 Americans and its place in our culture and history, Flag Day
30 became a national observance by act of Congress in 1949 and

1 signed into law by President Harry Truman; and

2 WHEREAS, On August 3, 1949, to commemorate the adoption of
3 the United States flag, Congress, by joint resolution,
4 designated June 14 of each year as Flag Day and requested the
5 president to issue an annual proclamation calling for a national
6 observance and for the display of the flag of the United States
7 on all Federal Government buildings; and

8 WHEREAS, In a second joint resolution approved June 9, 1966,
9 Congress requested the president to issue annually a
10 proclamation designating the week during which June 14 falls as
11 National Flag Week and called upon all citizens of the United
12 States to display the flag during that week; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize June
14 14, 2014, as "National Flag Day" in Pennsylvania.