
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 927 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY HARPER, HENNESSEY, JAMES, HILL-EVANS, NEILSON,
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MARSHALL, DRISCOLL AND CALTAGIRONE, MAY 18, 2018

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 8, 2018, as the first annual "Thomas Paine Day"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Thomas Paine, a founding father and leader of the
4 American Revolution, peer of George Washington, James Madison,
5 Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, was one of the most
6 brilliant political philosophers of his time; and

7 WHEREAS, Thomas Paine published a pamphlet entitled "Common
8 Sense," setting forth his argument in favor of American
9 independence and supported the American Revolution through
10 personal service, his fortune and his drafting of "The American
11 Crisis"; and

12 WHEREAS, Thomas Paine was an early proponent of universal and
13 equal education for male and female children, equality for
14 women, religious freedom and he suggested an alliance of neutral
15 countries in conflicts between nations; and

16 WHEREAS, His life and work continue to inspire individuals

1 who seek liberty and democracy throughout the world; therefore
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June 8,
4 2018, as the first annual "Thomas Paine Day" in Pennsylvania;
5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
7 residents of this Commonwealth to take note of this day in honor
8 of Thomas Paine and his accomplishments.