
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, CAPPELLETTI, HAYWOOD, KEARNEY,
HUGHES, FONTANA AND BREWSTER, JUNE 5, 2023

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 5, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 5 through 11, 2023, as "Disability
2 Pride Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, All people, including those with disabilities,
4 should be guaranteed the right to receive a quality education,
5 to be productive members of our workforce, to raise families, to
6 exert control and choice over their own lives and to have equal
7 opportunity to access and participate in all facets of life; and

8 WHEREAS, Having a disability should be seen as a natural part
9 of human diversity; and

10 WHEREAS, Many people with disabilities share a cultural
11 experience and history; and

12 WHEREAS, More than 30 years ago, the Americans with
13 Disabilities Act of 1990 was signed into law, ending
14 discrimination against and providing equal opportunity for
15 persons with disabilities in employment, education, government
16 services, public accommodations, commercial facilities and
17 transportation; and

18 WHEREAS, In spite of the Americans with Disabilities Act of

1 1990, people with disabilities continue to face tremendous
2 challenges in our society that test their resolve
3 sociologically, emotionally and psychologically, as well as
4 negative cultural assumptions based on fears and myths that need
5 to be eliminated and replaced with presumptions of competence,
6 strength and individual worth; and

7 WHEREAS, "Disability Pride Week" is a celebration that seeks
8 to educate and change the way that people think about and define
9 those with disabilities by promoting the belief that disability
10 is a natural and beautiful part of human diversity in which
11 people living with disabilities can take pride; and

12 WHEREAS, This year, "Disability Pride Week" included a
13 recognition of the 24th anniversary of the passing of the
14 Olmstead Act, an important component of the Americans with
15 Disabilities Act, and a celebration of the 11-year anniversary
16 of Disability Pride Philadelphia; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of June 5
18 through 11, 2023, as "Disability Pride Week" in Pennsylvania;
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge residents of this Commonwealth
21 to honor Americans with disabilities by educating themselves on
22 ways to support and encourage understanding of persons with
23 disabilities in our schools, within our diverse workforce and in
24 our communities.