
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 162 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, MASTRIANO, VOGEL, DUSH,
PENNYCUICK, BREWSTER, COSTA, TARTAGLIONE AND SANTARSIERO,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2023 as "Slavic Heritage
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Slavic people immigrated from nations we know
4 today as Belarus, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic,
5 Herzegovina, Macedonia, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia,
6 Slovenia and Ukraine; and

7 WHEREAS, Within Senate District 35, from 1880 to 1920,
8 thousands of immigrants from Slavic countries settled in
9 Johnstown; and

10 WHEREAS, These immigrants were attracted by opportunities to
11 work in the mills and mines; and

12 WHEREAS, By 1920, 25% of Johnstown's residents were of Slavic
13 descent; and

14 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth also served as home to many famous
15 individuals of Slavic descent, including Mike Ditka, Andy
16 Warhol, "Pistol" Pete Maravich, Bret Michaels, Governor Tom
17 Ridge and so many more; and

1 WHEREAS, Each September, the Johnstown Slavic Festival occurs
2 to teach individuals about their ethnic heritage and the culture
3 and history of the Slavic people; and

4 WHEREAS, The Johnstown Slavic Festival also serves
5 exclusively Slavic food and drinks, as well as featuring Slavic
6 musical performances; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September
8 2023 as "Slavic Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.