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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 202 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED BY HUGHES, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of September 20 through 26, 2015, as  
2 "Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week" in  
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Historically, courageous men and women took great  
5 risks and sacrificed much to establish a safe learning  
6 environment for the advancement of African-American individuals  
7 across the country; and

8 WHEREAS, For generations spanning more than 150 years,  
9 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) have  
10 contributed to the growth of African-American individuals in the  
11 areas of academia, technology, business, law, government and the  
12 military; and

13 WHEREAS, There are 105 HBCUs throughout the nation providing  
14 educational opportunities and bright futures to individuals of  
15 all ages; and

16 WHEREAS, These institutions continue to provide students with  
17 a sense of their history and heritage in the American narrative;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to two HBCUs, Cheyney

1 University of Pennsylvania and Lincoln University; and

2 WHEREAS, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, founded in 1837,  
3 is the oldest HBCU in the country, and Lincoln University was  
4 founded in 1854; and

5 WHEREAS, Both institutions have a mission to uphold their  
6 tradition of academic excellence as they strive to maintain  
7 their commitment to provide an education for students of diverse  
8 backgrounds; and

9 WHEREAS, Both institutions have a vision for their present  
10 and future students to become respected members of their  
11 communities, this Commonwealth and society to enhance the  
12 quality of life for all in an ever-changing global community;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The national and global communities recognize  
15 education as a pathway to grow, learn and achieve one's highest  
16 goals; and

17 WHEREAS, During "Historically Black Colleges and Universities  
18 Week" homage is paid to the brave and determined individuals who  
19 have established the foundation for HBCUs and underscored the  
20 importance of access to education; and

21 WHEREAS, We must continue to encourage, educate, empower and  
22 elevate HBCUs and their students seeking an education to  
23 contribute to the local, national and global community;  
24 therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of September 20  
26 through 26, 2015, as "Historically Black Colleges and  
27 Universities Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
29 Dr. Richard Green, Lincoln University, 1570 Baltimore Pike, P.O.  
30 Box 179, Lincoln University, PA 19352; and be it further

1       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
2 Dr. Frank G. Pogue, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, 1837  
3 University Circle, P.O. Box 200, Cheyney, PA 19139.