
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning Russia's failure to guarantee the safety of our
2 athletes and citizens of the United States and other
3 countries during the 2014 Winter Olympic Games.

4 WHEREAS, Russia has implemented a law prohibiting the
5 promotion of "nontraditional sexual relations" toward minors
6 that has been interpreted to ban gay pride parades and any
7 discussion of homosexuality; and

8 WHEREAS, Russia is hosting the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in
9 Sochi, drawing athletes, coaches, officials and spectators from
10 around the world; and

11 WHEREAS, Russia's anti-gay law does not comport with the
12 values of a majority of other countries; and

13 WHEREAS, Citizens of other countries deserve a guarantee that
14 they will be safe from arrest, prosecution or other legal or
15 extrajudicial harassment based on their being gay, speaking out
16 for equality and human rights in any Olympics-related forum or
17 wearing any sign, rainbow or other item expressing or
18 symbolizing support for gay rights or gay people; and

19 WHEREAS, Russia has not provided any such guarantee;

1 therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the Senate condemn Russia's failure to
3 guarantee the safety of our athletes and citizens of the United
4 States and other countries during the 2014 Winter Olympic Games,
5 requesting freedom from persecution or harassment for all
6 persons who are staying in Russia to participate in or attend
7 Olympic events.