
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 285 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY BAKER, GREENLEAF, WOZNIAK, BROWNE, SCAVELLO,
DINNIMAN, FONTANA, SCHWANK, ARGALL, RAFFERTY, VULAKOVICH,
EICHELBERGER, SABATINA, FARNESE, YUDICHAK, WHITE, HUTCHINSON
AND MENSCH, FEBRUARY 10, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Observing March 1, 2016, as "St. David's Day" in Pennsylvania
2 and honoring the many Pennsylvanians of Welsh heritage.

3 WHEREAS, St. David is the patron saint of Wales and March 1,
4 St. David's feast day, is the Welsh National Holiday, which is
5 celebrated by Welsh people throughout the world; and

6 WHEREAS, Starting in the 17th century, a significant number
7 of people emigrated from Wales to Pennsylvania seeking religious
8 freedom and employment; and

9 WHEREAS, William Penn and the Society of Friends, or Quakers,
10 founded the heart of the first Welsh settlement in Philadelphia;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, A second wave of Welsh immigration, led by a Baptist
13 minister, occurred in the 18th century resulting in the
14 immigrants settling in Cambria County; and

15 WHEREAS, Since Pennsylvania and Wales both include rare
16 anthracite coal among their natural resources, many Welsh
17 immigrants also settled in the northeastern Pennsylvania coal

1 region; and

2 WHEREAS, Many Pennsylvania cities and towns are named by or
3 for Welsh people; and

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a concentration of people of Welsh
5 ancestry that is greater than any other state; and

6 WHEREAS, The rich Welsh traditions and culture have had a
7 tremendous impact on Pennsylvania; and

8 WHEREAS, "St. David's Day" unites Welsh people worldwide in
9 the celebration of their identity; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate observe March 1, 2016, as "St.
11 David's Day" in Pennsylvania and honor the many Pennsylvanians
12 of Welsh heritage.