
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, CAPPELLETTI, BROWNE, HUGHES,
SCAVELLO, KANE, FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA, SANTARSIERO, KEARNEY,
COMITTA, BREWSTER AND COLLETT, JUNE 21, 2022

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 21, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 6 through 11, 2022, 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

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

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

13 WHEREAS, This year, "Disability Pride Week" included a
14 recognition of the 23rd anniversary of the passing of the
15 Olmstead Act, an important component of the Americans with
16 Disabilities Act, and a celebration of the 10-year anniversary
17 of Disability Pride Philadelphia; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of June 6
19 through 11, 2022, as "Disability Pride Week" in Pennsylvania;
20 and be it further

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