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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 334 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY GORDNER, BROOKS, TEPLITZ, HAYWOOD, EICHELBERGER,  
DINNIMAN, WARD, ARGALL, GREENLEAF, SCARNATI, YAW, VULAKOVICH,  
BROWNE, COSTA, BREWSTER, BAKER, YUDICHAK, RAFFERTY, WHITE,  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 5, 2016, as the "National Day of Prayer" in  
2 Pennsylvania and encouraging the celebration of religious  
3 freedom.

4 WHEREAS, The "National Day of Prayer" is a day set aside to  
5 pray for our nation; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1952, Congress passed Public Law 82-324, which  
7 calls on citizens of the United States to reaffirm the role of  
8 prayer in our society and to respect the freedom of religion;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The act of June 28, 1996 (P.L.422, No.61), provides  
11 that the first Thursday in May of each year is designated as  
12 "Commonwealth Day of Prayer and Celebration of Religious  
13 Freedom"; and

14 WHEREAS, The designated day, the first Thursday of May,  
15 belongs to all citizens; and

16 WHEREAS, This annual event was not created for political  
17 reasons or to promote any other agenda except prayer; and

1       WHEREAS, We pray for our leaders, for our communities, for  
2 our families, for our children and for each other; and

3       WHEREAS, The "National Day of Prayer" is a day to ask for  
4 healing, to heal our nation and to bring us together in true  
5 unity; and

6       WHEREAS, Prayer is regarded by millions as the most important  
7 utterance for the benefit of humankind; and

8       WHEREAS, Our nation was founded by single-minded men and  
9 women who sought wisdom through prayer; and

10       WHEREAS, Prayer has aided many people throughout the history  
11 of our nation and this Commonwealth when support and guidance  
12 were needed; therefore be it

13       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize May 5, 2016, as "National  
14 Day of Prayer" in Pennsylvania.