THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 374

Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY MENSCH, OCTOBER 20, 2022

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 20, 2022

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the month of November 2022 as "National American Indian Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, The history and culture of our great nation have
- 4 been significantly influenced by American Indians and indigenous
- 5 peoples; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The contributions of American Indians have enhanced
- 7 the freedom, prosperity and greatness of America today; and
- 8 WHEREAS, "Native American Awareness Week" began in 1976 and
- 9 recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President
- 10 George Bush in August 1990, designating the month of November as
- 11 "National American Indian Heritage Month"; and
- 12 WHEREAS, "National American Indian Heritage Month" is
- 13 commonly referred to as "American Indian and Alaska Native
- 14 Heritage Month"; and
- 15 WHEREAS, This month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse
- 16 cultures and histories to acknowledge the important
- 17 contributions of native people; and
- 18 WHEREAS, This month is also an opportunity to educate the

- 1 general public about tribes, to raise awareness about the unique
- 2 challenges Native people have faced historically and in the
- 3 present and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to
- 4 conquer these challenges; therefore be it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of November
- 6 2022 as "National American Indian Heritage Month" in
- 7 Pennsylvania.