
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY YAW, BARTOLOTTA, DINNIMAN, BLAKE, BROWNE, SCHWANK,
GREENLEAF, MARTIN, MCGARRIGLE, BREWSTER, BAKER, SABATINA,
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AUMENT, COSTA, SCARNATI, ALLOWAY AND VOGEL, JUNE 4, 2018

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, JUNE 4, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 3 through 9, 2018, as "Chesapeake
2 Bay Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay is the largest and most
4 productive estuary in the United States, with its watershed
5 spanning six states and the District of Columbia; and

6 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay is fed by 50 major tributaries,
7 the largest being the Susquehanna River, which provides 50% of
8 the fresh water to the bay; and

9 WHEREAS, Stretching 200 miles from Havre de Grace, Maryland,
10 to Norfolk, Virginia, the Chesapeake Bay has an average depth of
11 21 feet and ranges from 3.4 to 3.5 miles wide; and

12 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay supports 348 species of finfish,
13 173 species of shellfish and more than 3,600 species of plant
14 and animal life, including 2,700 types of plants and more than
15 16 species of underwater grasses; and

16 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay produces more than 500 million
17 pounds of seafood harvest each year; and

1 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay's tributaries in this
2 Commonwealth are an important source of drinking water and
3 recreational fishing and boating for this Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay watershed covers 64,000 square
5 miles, including half of this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay watershed is an extraordinary and
7 vital natural resource, with some of the nation's most
8 productive farm and forest lands in this Commonwealth's portion
9 of the watershed; and

10 WHEREAS, The productivity within the Chesapeake Bay watershed
11 supported the settlement and growth of our nation and is a vital
12 resource for future generations; and

13 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay area is home to more than 18
14 million people, many of whom rely upon the bay for their
15 livelihood and recreational activities; and

16 WHEREAS, The rich history, pivotal economic importance and
17 astounding beauty of the Chesapeake Bay watershed never cease to
18 amaze residents and visitors alike; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of June 3
20 through 9, 2018, as "Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week" in
21 Pennsylvania; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That all residents of this Commonwealth be
23 encouraged to commemorate "Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week" with
24 events and educational programs designed to increase awareness
25 of the importance of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries to
26 this Commonwealth, the region and the United States.