
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 386 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY STREET, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, VOGEL, BROWNE, SCHWANK,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Observing June 15, 2018, as "Eid al-Fitr Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth, specifically Philadelphia, is
3 lauded as the nation's birthplace; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded by William Penn as an example of religious
5 tolerance and exemplified by language in the 1701 Charter of
6 Privileges which guaranteed religious freedom to all,
7 Philadelphia continues to be a pillar of religious acceptance;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is estimated to be home to more
10 than 300,000 Muslims; and

11 WHEREAS, Muslims recognize two major religious observances
12 each year, Ramadan and Hajj, each connected with the
13 corresponding holiday of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha; and

14 WHEREAS, The Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha are observed
15 according to the lunar-based Islamic calendar; and

16 WHEREAS, The month of Ramadan is comprised of good deeds,
17 donation and sacrifice, in an attempt to perform thawab, which

1 are good deeds rewarded by Allah; and

2 WHEREAS, Eid al-Fitr is celebrated on the first day of the
3 Islamic month of Shawwal and marks the end of Ramadan, which is
4 a month of fasting and prayer; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to celebrating the end of fasting with
6 great feasts, many Muslims attend communal prayers, listen to a
7 sermon known as khutbah and give Zakat al-Fitr, which is charity
8 in the form of food; and

9 WHEREAS, Eid al-Fitr is also typically celebrated by wearing
10 fine clothing, visiting family and gifting food or its monetary
11 value to the poor; and

12 WHEREAS, Islam in America is a moral and religious system
13 that encourages self-determination, self-development, moral
14 discipline and community empowerment based on virtues of
15 freedom, justice and equality in many ways similar to the
16 ideology of William Penn; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate observe June 15, 2018, as "Eid al-
18 Fitr Day" in Pennsylvania.