
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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SCAVELLO, TEPLITZ, WARD, WHITE, WOZNIAK, YAW AND YUDICHAK,
OCTOBER 26, 2016

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 26, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 26, 2016, as "Veterans Day at the Capitol
2 2016" in Pennsylvania to highlight the accomplishments and
3 needs of Pennsylvania's veterans and to raise awareness of
4 the issues veterans face and the benefits they receive while
5 residing in this Commonwealth.

6 WHEREAS, "Veterans Day at the Capitol 2016" is a one-day
7 event designed for veterans and servicemembers to represent
8 their organizations in Pennsylvania's Capitol Building and to
9 discuss their organizations' priorities and purpose to the
10 legislators of Pennsylvania; and

11 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Veterans' Commission is
12 comprised of representatives from 15 different veteran
13 organizations, including The American Legion, AMVETS, Blinded
14 Veterans Association, Catholic War Veterans of the United States
15 of America, Disabled American Veterans, Jewish War Veterans of
16 the United States of America, Marine Corps League, Military
17 Officers Association of America, Military Order of the Purple

1 Heart, State Association of County Directors of Veterans'
2 Affairs, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Italian American War Veterans
3 of the United States, The Vietnam Veterans of America, American
4 Ex-Prisoners of War and Keystone Paralyzed Veterans Association;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Veterans' Commission was
7 formed to represent the honorable veterans of this Commonwealth
8 and embodies the service values of veterans from various wars in
9 which the United States fought; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is committed to veterans and provides
11 various services and resources which are accessible through the
12 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the birthplace of the United States
14 Army, the United States Marine Corps and the United States Navy;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The veterans of this Commonwealth, during times of
17 war and times of peace, are fundamental residents of this
18 Commonwealth and the communities within it; and

19 WHEREAS, Military veterans offer this Commonwealth valued
20 leadership, workmanship and neighbors based on their experiences
21 while serving in the United States military; and

22 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania veterans volunteered or were drafted to
23 defend the United States of America, to protect the citizens of
24 the United States and this Commonwealth and to preserve our
25 liberties; and

26 WHEREAS, There are nearly 1 million veterans, who are men and
27 women of all races, religions and ethnicities, that reside in
28 this Commonwealth along with their families, with service
29 spanning from World War II to the present; and

30 WHEREAS, Many veterans endure challenges to live their lives

1 to the fullest potential due to injuries, both mental and
2 physical, that they received while serving in the armed forces;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Veterans' Commission provides
5 insight and recommendations about veterans' issues, needs and
6 concerns from throughout this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
8 offers assistance to Pennsylvania's veterans and their families
9 and provides quality care for aging and disabled veterans; and

10 WHEREAS, There are nearly 700,000 wartime veterans who are
11 residents of this Commonwealth, nearly 58,000 are veterans from
12 World War II, nearly 93,000 are veterans from the Korean War,
13 309,000 are veterans from the Vietnam Conflict, nearly 236,000
14 are veterans from the Persian Gulf War and nearly 83,000 are
15 veterans from the Global War on Terror; and

16 WHEREAS, The residents of this Commonwealth are grateful and
17 appreciative to all of our veterans for their selfless service
18 to this nation and the Commonwealth; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize October 26, 2016, as
20 "Veterans Day at the Capitol 2016" in Pennsylvania to highlight
21 the accomplishments and needs of Pennsylvania's veterans and to
22 raise awareness of the issues veterans face and the benefits
23 they receive while residing in this Commonwealth; and be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the employees of the
26 Pennsylvania State Veterans' Commission for their dedicated
27 service and commend these men and women especially for their
28 military service and the many sacrifices they have made for
29 their country; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to

1 the Governor and to the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania.