
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging all citizens to observe Earth Day on April 22, 2013.

2 WHEREAS, April 22, 2013, is the 43rd celebration of Earth
3 Day; and

4 WHEREAS, United States Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin
5 created the concept of Earth Day to encourage Americans to
6 contemplate the damage being done to the Earth through
7 pollution; and

8 WHEREAS, It has been estimated that every year millions of
9 Americans participate in Earth Day activities to promote a
10 healthier and cleaner environment; and

11 WHEREAS, The importance of being good stewards of the Earth
12 has become a nearly universal belief held by all people of this
13 country and this Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, Protecting the environment is good for our health,
15 our economy and the plants and animals that inhabit this planet
16 with us; and

17 WHEREAS, Earth Day is a day to contribute to the well-being
18 of our planet; and

1 WHEREAS, We must take more notice that the year 2012 was of
2 great environmental concern because it marked many climate
3 change milestones: Arctic Sea ice cover reached a historic low
4 in September; the United States experienced its hottest year
5 ever; and extreme weather events, perceived as the "new normal,"
6 such as the unusual super storms that rocked the Caribbean, the
7 Philippines and the northeastern United States have occurred;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Earth Day events and activities are designed to
10 encourage and promote environmentally aware behaviors, such as
11 recycling, using energy efficiently, utilizing environmentally
12 friendly products, reducing pollution and reducing or reusing
13 disposable items; and

14 WHEREAS, As we celebrate the 43rd anniversary of Earth Day,
15 we look at 2013 as the year for environmental change; and

16 WHEREAS, The global theme for Earth Day 2013 is "The Face of
17 Climate Change." Franklin Russell, director of Earth Day at
18 Earth Day Network, said, "The Face of Climate Change will not
19 only personalize and make real the massive challenge that
20 climate change presents, it will unite the myriad Earth Day
21 events around the world into one call to action at a critical
22 time"; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage all citizens to observe
24 Earth Day on April 22, 2013; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, Pennsylvanians, when participating in Earth Day
26 activities, are encouraged to use social networks such as
27 Instagram and Twitter and document contributions to Earth Day by
28 using the hashtags #faceofclimatechange to promote climate
29 change and environmental awareness to preserve our planet Earth.