
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 161 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY HILL-EVANS, GUENST, M. JONES, HOWARD, RABB,
BRENNAN, MADDEN AND SAMUELSON, JUNE 26, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 26, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 15, 2023, as "Articles of Confederation
2 Day" in Pennsylvania; and recognizing the City of York, York
3 County, for its important contribution to the forging of our
4 nation.

5 WHEREAS, The Continental Congress, in flight from British
6 troops advancing on Philadelphia, chose the City of York, York
7 County, as its refuge and met there from September 30, 1777, to
8 June 27, 1778, to direct national affairs during a critical
9 period in the American Revolution; and

10 WHEREAS, The Continental Congress adopted the Articles of
11 Confederation while in session in the York County Courthouse on
12 November 15, 1777, establishing the first constitution that
13 formally united the thirteen colonies as one nation; and

14 WHEREAS, The Articles of Confederation guided the functions
15 of the national government until the enactment of the United
16 States Constitution in 1789; and

17 WHEREAS, The Continental Congress ratified both the Treaty of
18 Amity and Commerce and the Treaty of Alliance with France while
19 in session in the York County Courthouse on May 4, 1778; and

1 WHEREAS, These treaties marked the first official recognition
2 by a foreign power of the United States of America as an
3 independent country and helped secure a patriot victory in the
4 American Revolution; and

5 WHEREAS, The Continental Congress adjourned from the York
6 County Courthouse on June 27, 1778, and returned to Independence
7 Hall in Philadelphia after receiving word from General George
8 Washington that the British had abandoned the city; and

9 WHEREAS, November 15, 2023, is the 246th anniversary of the
10 adoption of the Articles of Confederation in the City of York,
11 York County; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
13 November 15, 2023, as "Articles of Confederation Day" in
14 Pennsylvania; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
16 City of York, York County, for its important contribution to the
17 forging of our nation.