
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY ARMANINI, HAMM, NEILSON, JAMES, PICKETT, HADDOCK,
FEE, KAUFFMAN, STRUZZI, GREEN AND GILLEN, JULY 18, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, JULY 18, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 23, 2023, as "National Wild Turkey
2 Federation Day" in Pennsylvania in conjunction with "National
3 Hunting and Fishing Day."

4 WHEREAS, The National Wild Turkey Federation was created in
5 1973 and has provided the foundation for wild turkey
6 conservation throughout North America; and

7 WHEREAS, The National Wild Turkey Federation was founded by
8 Tom Rodgers of Virginia, with the mission of conserving the wild
9 turkey and preserving hunting heritage; and

10 WHEREAS, That mission has led to huntable populations of wild
11 turkeys in 49 states, 22 million acres of wildlife habitat
12 conserved or enhanced and millions of new hunters recruited; and

13 WHEREAS, When the National Wild Turkey Federation was founded
14 in 1973, there were only approximately 1.3 million wild turkeys
15 in North America, and now that number has hit a historic high of
16 nearly 7 million wild turkeys; and

17 WHEREAS, Through the National Wild Turkey Federation's "Save
18 the Habitat. Save the Hunt Initiative," more than 4 million

1 acres of wildlife habitat have been enhanced, 1.5 million
2 hunters have been recruited and access to 500,000 acres has been
3 accomplished nationally; and

4 WHEREAS, In conjunction with committed partners, the National
5 Wild Turkey Federation has facilitated the investment of more
6 than half of \$1 billion in wildlife conservation and the
7 preservation of North America's hunting heritage; and

8 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth alone, the National Wild Turkey
9 Federation has conserved or enhanced 22,191 acres of wildlife
10 habitat and completed 65 conservation projects with 22 more
11 currently in progress; and

12 WHEREAS, The National Wild Turkey Federation has 15,837
13 active members in this Commonwealth and has opened 1,178 acres
14 for hunting in the last five years; and

15 WHEREAS, This year marks the 50th anniversary of the
16 organization's inception and the organization's commitment to
17 the research, education, conservation and habitat of wild turkey
18 populations; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize
20 September 23, 2023, as "National Wild Turkey Federation Day" in
21 Pennsylvania in conjunction with "National Hunting and Fishing
22 Day."