

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 217 Session of 2023

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 2, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of October 9 through 15, 2023, as "United States Navy Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The United States Navy has honorably served our 4 nation for 248 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 2005, each year the United States Navy has 6 docked in up to 15 cities in our nation for one week periods, in 7 celebration of its accomplishments; and

8 WHEREAS, These celebrations have become known as Navy Weeks; 9 and

10 WHEREAS, This year, Philadelphia will be the 13th and final 11 city where the United States Navy will dock for Navy Weeks; and

12 WHEREAS, Two navy ships, the USS James E. Williams and the 13 USS Cooperstown, will be docking in the Philadelphia harbor 14 during the week of October 9 through 15, 2023; and

15 WHEREAS, Navy Weeks are designed to show Americans how the

1 United States Navy is deployed, the duties the United States
2 Navy undertakes and why a strong navy is vital to the security
3 of our nation and the world; and

4 WHEREAS, Navy Weeks have been the primary outreach effort
5 into areas of the country without a significant naval presence;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Navy Week focuses on United States Navy outreach
8 assets, equipment and personnel for a week-long series of around
9 75 to 100 events with local and statewide organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, United States Navy entities, such as the Blue
11 Angels, the Navy Parachute Team, Navy bands, Navy divers,
12 namesake ship and submarine crews and hometown local sailors all
13 participate in Navy Weeks to inform and promote the United
14 States Navy's mission; and

15 WHEREAS, Homecoming 250 will consist of spectacular
16 celebrations on the banks of the Delaware River for the United
17 States Navy and the United States Marine Corps 250th
18 anniversaries, to be held in Philadelphia in 2025; and

19 WHEREAS, Philadelphia is the birthplace of the United States
20 Navy and the United States Marine Corps which were founded on
21 October 13, 1775, and November ~~15~~ 10, 1775, respectively; and <--

22 WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps will be in attendance
23 for Homecoming 250 and will lead the honor guard in a parade
24 through Philadelphia; and

25 WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps will host the 100th
26 Marine Corps Birthday Ball in Philadelphia, where the first
27 annual ball was held by General John A. Lejeune in 1925; and

28 WHEREAS, The honorable men and women of the United States
29 Navy have given their lives to protect our nation and keep our
30 communities prosperous and secure; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
2 week of October 9 through 15, 2023, as "United States Navy Week"
3 in Pennsylvania.