
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 309 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY KIM, MAY 6, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 6, 2019

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Endorsing the establishment of a monument upon the grounds of
2 the Pennsylvania State Capitol Complex that is dedicated to
3 the 15th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States
4 and requesting that the Department of General Services take
5 action to allow installation of the monument upon the Capitol
6 grounds.

7 WHEREAS, The 15th Amendment to the Constitution of the United
8 States prohibits the Federal government and each state from
9 denying a citizen the right to vote based on that citizen's
10 "race, color, or previous condition of servitude"; and

11 WHEREAS, The 15th Amendment was ratified on February 3, 1870,
12 and the 150th anniversary of that ratification will be
13 celebrated in 2020; and

14 WHEREAS, The Historic 8th Ward of Harrisburg, where the
15 Pennsylvania State Capitol Complex currently is located, was a
16 major site during the process of ratification of the 15th
17 Amendment by the Commonwealth; and

18 WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes and celebrates that
19 the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be
20 denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on

1 account of race, color or previous condition of servitude;
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
4 endorse the establishment of a monument upon the grounds of the
5 Pennsylvania State Capitol Complex that is dedicated to the 15th
6 Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and request
7 that the Department of General Services take action to allow
8 installation of the monument upon the Capitol grounds; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly endorse private funding
11 for the design and construction of the monument, with the final
12 design meeting specifications determined by the Department of
13 General Services; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly request that the
15 Department of General Services accept ownership of the monument
16 while allowing the installation and upkeep of the monument
17 through private funds as not to burden the Commonwealth
18 generally or the Department of General Services specifically;
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly endorse the monument
21 being located on the lawn of the Speaker K. Leroy Irvis Office
22 Building within the Pennsylvania State Capitol Complex, the
23 former site of Harrisburg's 8th Ward, with placement meeting the
24 approval of the Department of General Services; and be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly endorse the installation
27 and upkeep of the monument through private funds as not to
28 burden the Commonwealth; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
30 the Governor and the Secretary of General Services to confirm

1 the endorsement of this monument by the General Assembly.