
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY HAMM, KAUFFMAN, LEADBETER, MENTZER, CONKLIN,
M. MACKENZIE, ZIMMERMAN, PICKETT, STAMBAUGH, GLEIM, GREGORY,
STRUZZI, E. NELSON, DIAMOND AND ARMANINI, MARCH 5, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 5, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2024 as "Faith Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The United States was born of the unanimous
4 declaration that we are "endowed by [our] Creator with certain
5 unalienable Rights," based on "the Laws of Nature and of
6 Nature's God," "appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world,"
7 and acknowledging our "reliance on the protection of divine
8 Providence"; and

9 WHEREAS, Religious freedom is known as America's first
10 freedom, as laid out in the Establishment Clause and the Free
11 Exercise Clause of the First Amendment to the Constitution of
12 the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, The freedom of speech guaranteed by the First
14 Amendment to the Constitution of the United States also supports
15 America's unique focus on freedom of expression, including in
16 matters of faith; and

17 WHEREAS, The motto "In God We Trust" further emphasizes the

1 importance of faith in this nation's founding; and

2 WHEREAS, From our first president to our current president,
3 we have acknowledged America's faith; and

4 WHEREAS, President George Washington recognized "it is the
5 duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty
6 God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and
7 humbly to implore his protection and favor"; and

8 WHEREAS, President Joseph Biden acknowledged Thanksgiving as
9 a "time to reflect on our many blessings from God, this Nation,
10 and each other"; and

11 WHEREAS, America's Judeo-Christian founding promotes
12 religious diversity and tolerance; and

13 WHEREAS, Religious liberty serves to strengthen our country's
14 appreciation of all peoples, regardless of faith; and

15 WHEREAS, Eternal diligence is needed to preserve religious
16 freedom; and

17 WHEREAS, Attacks on religious liberty and people and faith
18 continue to plague this nation, with some religious charities
19 even being forced to betray the tenets of their faith in order
20 to participate in certain government programs; and

21 WHEREAS, Many seek to criminalize religious beliefs in
22 certain controversial areas; and

23 WHEREAS, Religious organizations in America have a rich
24 history of charitable engagement helping the sick, poor and
25 afflicted; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
27 month of April 2024 as "Faith Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it
28 further

29 RESOLVED, That the month of April be known as "Faith Month"
30 as a way to reaffirm our commitment to the religious liberty

1 principles of our founding; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
3 Americans to celebrate their faiths freely and openly, with
4 public displays and celebrations, including prayer and
5 expressions of thanksgiving during the month of April.