
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 481 Session of
2013

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AND FLECK, OCTOBER 2, 2013

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 2, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2013 as "Archives Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The historical documents and records of our nation
4 and our Commonwealth provide a crucial link to our past; and

5 WHEREAS, We observe the 150th anniversary of the Civil War
6 and Pennsylvania's political role in the reconstruction of the
7 Union and its soldiers' military role at the Battle of
8 Gettysburg, recognized as the turning point in the war; and

9 WHEREAS, The earliest commemoration of the battle with
10 President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address became one of the most
11 important speeches in American history, placing Pennsylvania's
12 history at the center of national remembrance of the Civil War;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The importance of the Commonwealth's history is
15 indispensable in moving forward to ensure that its citizens

1 remember its founding principles as stated by William Penn in
2 the Commonwealth's Frame of Government from May 5, 1682, that
3 "Any government is free to the people under it...where the laws
4 rule, and the people are a party to those laws"; and

5 WHEREAS, Appreciating this heritage and its lessons provides
6 immeasurable guidance for our future; and

7 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives has an established
8 archival repository for the records of elected members,
9 committees and administrative agencies of that body; and

10 WHEREAS, These historical records and documents, if not
11 professionally collected, cataloged and preserved by dedicated
12 archivists and staff and housed in a secure location, would be
13 lost to future generations of our citizens; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
15 invaluable contribution of its archival repository and its
16 committed staff members; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
18 month of October 2013 as "Archives Month" in Pennsylvania; and
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
21 Pennsylvanians to visit their local archives, historical
22 repositories and libraries to learn more about the contributions
23 of historical documents and records to the discovery of the rich
24 heritage of this Commonwealth.