
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 523 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY MACKENZIE, BAKER, BIZZARRO, V. BROWN, CORBIN,
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SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2017 as "Energy Awareness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, President George H. W. Bush first declared October
4 as "National Energy Awareness Month" in 1991; and

5 WHEREAS, President Bush encouraged the Federal Government and
6 organizations to recognize the importance of responsibly
7 managing the nation's energy resources; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States has taken great strides toward
9 energy efficiency by developing and promoting energy-efficient
10 products in homes; and

11 WHEREAS, The use of energy-efficient products has reduced
12 consumer utility bills; and

13 WHEREAS, The Federal Government and the Commonwealth have
14 promoted energy efficiency; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the United States Energy Information
16 Administration (EIA), Pennsylvania:

1 (1) ranks third in the nation for total energy
2 production;

3 (2) is the second largest natural gas producer in the
4 United States;

5 (3) is the third largest coal producing state; and

6 (4) ranks second in electricity generation from nuclear
7 power, which in 2016 supplied 39% of this Commonwealth's net
8 electricity generation, more than from any other source;

9 and

10 WHEREAS, EIA reports that as of 2015, 51% of Pennsylvania
11 households used natural gas as their primary home heating fuel,
12 22% used electricity and 18% used fuel oil, and other heating
13 fuels used in this Commonwealth included propane, wood and coal;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, According to EIA, Pennsylvania's first commercial
16 wind farm started generating electricity in 2000, and this
17 Commonwealth currently has 24 operating wind farms with
18 approximately 1,400 megawatts of capacity; and

19 WHEREAS, According to the Solar Energies Association,
20 Pennsylvania is one of the largest solar employers in the
21 nation, with 527 solar businesses and employing 3,061
22 individuals; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
24 month of October 2017 as "Energy Awareness Month" in
25 Pennsylvania.