
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, REGAN, DINNIMAN, FARNESE, PHILLIPS-HILL,
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BLAKE, FOLMER, SCHWANK, HUTCHINSON, KILLION AND K. WARD,
MAY 8, 2019

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 8, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 8, 2019, as the 74th anniversary of "Victory in
2 Europe Day" or "V-E Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, By April 1945 the German Army was shattered; and

4 WHEREAS, On April 25, 1945, American and Soviet forces met at
5 the Elbe River, and five days later Adolf Hitler committed
6 suicide in his Berlin bunker; and

7 WHEREAS, Hitler's successor, Admiral Karl Doenitz, sent
8 General Alfred Jodl to the Supreme Headquarters Allied
9 Expeditionary Forces detachment in Reims to seek terms for an
10 end to the war; and

11 WHEREAS, At 2:41 a.m. on May 7, 1945, General Jodl signed for
12 the unconditional surrender of German forces on all fronts,
13 effective the next day at 11:01 p.m.; and

14 WHEREAS, After six years and millions of lives lost, the Nazi
15 scourge was crushed, war in Europe was finally over and war-
16 weary soldiers and civilians could join in giving thanks; and

1 WHEREAS, On May 8, 1945, "Victory in Europe Day" was
2 proclaimed and observed in Western Europe and Great Britain,
3 where more than 1 million people gathered in London with the
4 British Royal Family and Prime Minister Winston Churchill; and

5 WHEREAS, "Victory in Europe Day" observances were also held
6 in Canada and the United States, where President Harry Truman
7 celebrated his 61st birthday and dedicated the Allied victory to
8 the memory of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had died on
9 April 12; and

10 WHEREAS, On May 9, 1945, the Soviet Union marked the end of
11 war, known there as the Great Patriotic War; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize May 8, 2019, as the 74th
13 anniversary of "Victory in Europe Day" or "V-E Day" in
14 Pennsylvania.