
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 244th anniversary of the founding of the United
2 States Army.

3 WHEREAS, In 1775, the Massachusetts Provincial Congress
4 appealed to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia to
5 assume authority of the New England Army, which was comprised of
6 a number of independent revolutionary militia companies; and

7 WHEREAS, Although there is no official written record,
8 historians suggest that on June 14, 1775, the Congress of the
9 United States voted to "adopt" the Boston troops and formed a
10 committee "to bring in a draft of rules and regulations for the
11 government of the Army," in addition to providing a funding
12 appropriation of \$2 million at the request of John Adams; and

13 WHEREAS, The actions of the Congress of the United States on
14 June 14, 1775, establishing the American Continental Army,
15 marked the birth date of the United States Army; and

16 WHEREAS, On June 15, 1775, George Washington was appointed as
17 Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army by the Congress of

1 the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, The United States Army is made up of active and
3 reserve components; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2018, the United States Army was comprised of
5 more than 1 million soldiers, with approximately 476,000 on
6 active duty, 191,000 in the United States Army Reserve and
7 335,000 in the United States Army National Guard; and

8 WHEREAS, Soldiers live by the Seven Core Army Values that
9 include loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor,
10 integrity and personal courage; and

11 WHEREAS, It is said that "there is nothing stronger than a
12 United States Army soldier"; and

13 WHEREAS, The strength and power of the United States Army, as
14 demonstrated during Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring
15 Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and several additional combat
16 missions have provided Americans with safety, security and
17 freedom; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the 244th anniversary of
19 the founding of the United States Army and urge all
20 Pennsylvanians to remember the sacrifices of the brave men and
21 women who valiantly served their country at home and abroad.