
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 187 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY MARTIN, CAPPELLETTI, KANE, BOSCOLA, PHILLIPS-HILL,
COSTA, HUTCHINSON AND BREWSTER, OCTOBER 25, 2023

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 25, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating October 1 through 7, 2023, January 7 through 13,
2 2024, and April 14 through 20, 2024, as "PIAA Officials
3 Appreciation Weeks" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The observance of "Pennsylvania Interscholastic
5 Athletic Association (PIAA) Officials Appreciation Weeks" serves
6 to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of the more than
7 13,000 PIAA registered officials for interscholastic athletics;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The PIAA Board of Directors announced that October 1
10 through 7, 2023, will mark the first of three "PIAA Officials
11 Appreciation Weeks" taking place this year; and

12 WHEREAS, The appreciation week for winter sports officials
13 will take place January 7 through 13, 2024, and for spring
14 sports it will take place April 14 through 20, 2024; and

15 WHEREAS, The PIAA will promote the appreciation weeks and
16 requests its member schools to do the same because having a game
17 would not be possible without officials; and

18 WHEREAS, PIAA officials make a difference in the lives of

1 student-athletes everywhere, encouraging exercise through
2 competition, promoting sportsmanship and establishing lifelong
3 fundamentals of fairness; and

4 WHEREAS, PIAA officials work tirelessly to create a safe and
5 fair athletic environment for student-athletes and coaches; and

6 WHEREAS, PIAA officials have a difficult job due to pressure
7 to make correct calls while maintaining order between opposing
8 fan bases and in the game itself; and

9 WHEREAS, It is both reasonable and appropriate to designate
10 "PIAA Officials Appreciation Weeks" in this Commonwealth and
11 encourage schools, coaches, student-athletes and fans to
12 participate and thank officials who put their time and
13 dedication into sports and the PIAA community; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate October 1 through 7,
15 2023, January 7 through 13, 2024, and April 14 through 20, 2024,
16 as "PIAA Officials Appreciation Weeks" in Pennsylvania.