
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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JANUARY 29, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JANUARY 29, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 10, 2023, as "Marine Corps' Day" in
2 Pennsylvania in honor of the United States Marine Corps'
3 248th anniversary of its founding.

4 WHEREAS, On November 10, 1775, the Second Continental
5 Congress met in Philadelphia and passed a resolution calling for
6 two battalions of Marines to be raised for service as landing
7 forces with the fleet; and

8 WHEREAS, That resolution established the Continental Marines
9 and marked the birth date of the United States Marine Corps; and

10 WHEREAS, Since the United States Marine Corps' first
11 amphibious raid on March 3, 1776, the United States Marine Corps
12 has fought with great courage on every continent and in every
13 conflict in American history; and

14 WHEREAS, During World War I, the Marine Corps fought the
15 famed battle at Belleau Wood, establishing the reputation of
16 toughness and fierceness; and

17 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps played a central role in the

1 liberation of the Pacific Islands during World War II; and

2 WHEREAS, "Raising of the Flag on Iwo Jima," the famous
3 photograph by Joe Rosenthal, will always symbolize the triumph
4 and glory of the Marine Corps; and

5 WHEREAS, The momentum of the Korean War shifted when the
6 Marine Corps, in conjunction with the Navy, launched a massive
7 amphibious attack at Inchon, surprising the North Koreans by
8 putting thousands of United States troops behind enemy lines;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps participated in major offensives of
11 the Vietnam War, engaging in guerrilla warfare, implementing
12 unconventional techniques for counterinsurgency and working as
13 military advisors to the Republic of Vietnam Marine Corps; and

14 WHEREAS, From 1990 to 1992, the Marine Corps participated in
15 Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, leading the
16 liberation of Kuwait and the defeat of Iraqi forces; and

17 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps made significant contributions to
18 the war on terrorism as part of Operation Enduring Freedom in
19 Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

20 WHEREAS, Marines truly embody the motto of the Marine Corps:
21 "Semper Fidelis," which translates from Latin as "always
22 faithful," and signifying the defense of freedom and democracy
23 worldwide; and

24 WHEREAS, Today, the Marine Corps is a separate branch of the
25 United States Armed Forces, distinguishing itself as an
26 expeditionary force ready to respond on the ground, in the air
27 and by sea; and

28 WHEREAS, There are approximately 180,000 individuals
29 currently enlisted in the Marine Corps and nearly 40,000 reserve
30 members; and

1 WHEREAS, Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 192, written by
2 Major Commandant General John A. Lejeune, established the
3 mandatory celebration of the Marine Corps' anniversary;
4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize November 10, 2023, as
6 "Marine Corps' Day" in Pennsylvania in honor of the United
7 States Marine Corps' 248th anniversary of its founding.