
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, SCHWANK, KANE, DILLON, FONTANA,
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SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 7, 2024, as "Disability Pride Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, All people, including those with disabilities,
4 should be guaranteed the right to receive a quality education,
5 to be productive members of our workforce, to raise families, to
6 exert control and choice over their own lives and to have equal
7 opportunity to access and participate in all facets of life; and

8 WHEREAS, Having a disability should be seen as a natural part
9 of human diversity; and

10 WHEREAS, Many people with disabilities share a cultural
11 experience and history; and

12 WHEREAS, More than 30 years ago, the Americans with
13 Disabilities Act of 1990 was signed into law, ending
14 discrimination against and providing equal opportunity for
15 persons with disabilities in employment, education, government
16 services, public accommodations, commercial facilities and
17 transportation; and

1 WHEREAS, In spite of the Americans with Disabilities Act of
2 1990, people with disabilities continue to face tremendous
3 challenges in our society that test their resolve
4 sociologically, emotionally and psychologically, as well as
5 negative cultural assumptions based on fears and myths that need
6 to be eliminated and replaced with presumptions of competence,
7 strength and individual worth; and

8 WHEREAS, Disability Pride is a celebration of inclusion and
9 disabled people who are proud to be themselves - it represents a
10 place for us to celebrate the disability experience and bring
11 disabled and nondisabled people together; and

12 WHEREAS, Disability Pride Pennsylvania began in Philadelphia
13 more than a decade ago and has expanded to serve this
14 Commonwealth as an organization advocating for disability rights
15 and inclusion of all people; and

16 WHEREAS, Disability Pride Pennsylvania has hosted pride
17 events, seminars and other events to support the disability
18 community across this Commonwealth, including in Harrisburg, the
19 Lehigh Valley, Williamsport, Pittsburgh and northeastern
20 Pennsylvania; and

21 WHEREAS, On September 7, 2024, Disability Pride Pennsylvania
22 is hosting its day of celebration in Philadelphia with all
23 people, whether you are a person with a disability, a family
24 member of a person with a disability or an ally, invited to
25 attend; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate September 7, 2024, as
27 "Disability Pride Day" in Pennsylvania.