## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing September 22, 2024, as "World Rhino Day" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Since 2011, "World Rhino Day" is celebrated
- 4 internationally on September 22; and
- 5 WHEREAS, "World Rhino Day" is a day of awareness for all five
- 6 rhino species and the work being done to save them from
- 7 extinction; and
- 8 WHEREAS, This day provides the opportunity for organizations,
- 9 zoos and members of the public to celebrate rhinos and the work
- 10 being done to save this species; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Poaching is the greatest threat to all five rhino
- 12 species; and
- 13 WHEREAS, The price per ounce of rhino horn is worth more than
- 14 gold or diamonds; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Poaching is often carried out by terrorist
- 16 organizations; and
- 17 WHEREAS, The horns are sold for \$65,000 per kilogram on the

- 1 black market; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Rhino horn is made of keratin, the same protein in
- 3 our fingernails and hair; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The illegal wildlife trade is a \$7 billion to \$10
- 5 billion per year business, with the main consumers of this
- 6 illicit business being in Asia; therefore be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 22, 2024, as
- 8 "World Rhino Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That the Senate shine a light on a species that has
- 10 roamed the Earth for millions of years and hopefully for a
- 11 million more.