
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY LEACH, FERLO, DINNIMAN, KITCHEN, RAFFERTY,
ALLOWAY, WOZNIAK, COSTA, WARD, HUGHES AND FONTANA,
FEBRUARY 14, 2011

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 14, 2011, as "National Socks for the
2 Homeless Day" in Pennsylvania and encouraging all citizens to
3 contribute to organizations that provide socks for the
4 homeless.

5 WHEREAS, According to HUD in 2009 there were 643,076 homeless
6 individuals across America; and

7 WHEREAS, About 15,096 homeless individuals reside in
8 Pennsylvania, including approximately 5,798 in Philadelphia,
9 1,136 in Pittsburgh and 365 in Harrisburg; and

10 WHEREAS, A pair of socks is a basic need for a person to have
11 and a lack of socks can lead to frostbite and blisters as well
12 as ulcer formations and inevitable loss of limb and amputation;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Clothing donations to the homeless rarely include
15 much-needed socks; and

16 WHEREAS, The need for clean, dry socks is imperative to
17 decrease the likelihood of fungal and bacterial infection that
18 can be harbored in a shoe liner and then can infect a person,

1 leading to cellulitis and skin infection; and

2 WHEREAS, The need for socks is basic in that they protect the
3 feet from the internal structures of shoes as well as helping
4 insulate the feet from cold surfaces, especially for those who
5 deal with rheumatoid arthritis; and

6 WHEREAS, The simplicity of socks can make so much difference
7 for the homeless individual; and

8 WHEREAS, For children, new socks can mean not having
9 splinters and infected fungal nails after borrowing other kids'
10 shoes or using donated hand-me-downs without a barrier like a
11 sock to protect them from contagious agents; and

12 WHEREAS, Single mothers and children who have one pair of
13 socks, which can last only so long, are given back dignity when
14 they own new, nontattered socks; and

15 WHEREAS, The Joy of Sox was created to accept and manage
16 donations from all over the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, The Joy of Sox continues to raise awareness of the
18 plight of homeless individuals and the medical problems
19 associated with being homeless and sockless; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate February 14, 2011, as
21 "National Socks for the Homeless Day" in Pennsylvania and
22 encourage all citizens to contribute to The Joy of Sox and other
23 organizations that provide socks for the homeless.