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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 290 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED BY R. BROWN, BENNINGHOFF, BISHOP, BOBACK, V. BROWN, BROWNLEE, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, SCHLEGEL, CULVER, DEASY, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, DUSH, FARINA, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, GILLEN, GOODMAN, HAHN, HARHART, KAVULICH, KIM, KINSEY, KNOWLES, KORTZ, LONGIETTI, MAJOR, MARSICO, MATZIE, McCARTER, MILLARD, MURT, O'NEILL, OBERLANDER, C. PARKER, PEIFER, PICKETT, RAPP, READSHAW, ROSS, ROZZI, SCHWEYER, SONNEY, THOMAS, VEREB, WATSON AND WHEELAND, APRIL 24, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 24, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of July 26 through August 1, 2015, as "ADA  
2 Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA),  
4 the world's first comprehensive civil rights law for persons  
5 with disabilities, was signed into law on July 26, 1990; and

6 WHEREAS, Described as the Emancipation Proclamation for the  
7 disability community, the ADA prohibits discrimination on the  
8 basis of any disability; and

9 WHEREAS, A disability can occur at birth or through accident,  
10 disease or aging; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 50 million people in the United States,  
12 including more than 1.6 million people in this Commonwealth,  
13 have some level of disability; and

14 WHEREAS, The ADA promotes accessibility, equality of

1 opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic  
2 self-sufficiency for individuals with disabilities; and

3 WHEREAS, The ADA has opened public institutions; and

4 WHEREAS, The ADA has expanded the benefits and privileges of  
5 education and employment; and

6 WHEREAS, Compliance with the ADA's nondiscrimination  
7 principles and practices is improving the lives of individuals  
8 with disabilities and their families in this Commonwealth and  
9 beyond; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
11 week of July 26 through August 1, 2015, as "ADA Week" in  
12 Pennsylvania.