

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, OCTOBER 8, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Condemning the deployment of Federal military and National Guard
2 forces into American cities and opposing any such action in
3 this Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States establishes a
5 Federal system that divides powers between the national and
6 state governments, reserving to the states and to the people the
7 powers not expressly granted to the Federal Government; and

8 WHEREAS, The Posse Comitatus Act strictly limits the use of
9 the United States military in domestic law enforcement
10 activities except when expressly authorized by the Congress of
11 the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, In recent weeks, the Trump Administration has
13 deployed federalized National Guard units and active duty
14 military forces into several American cities, including
15 Portland, Oregon; Los Angeles, California; and Chicago,
16 Illinois, over the objections of state and local officials; and

17 WHEREAS, These deployments have drawn widespread public

1 outcry, judicial intervention and statements of opposition from
2 elected leaders in those states, who have described the actions
3 as unconstitutional, coercive and dangerous to democratic
4 governance; and

5 WHEREAS, The use of military force against Americans engaged
6 in protest or civic expression threatens the principles of free
7 speech, free assembly and civilian control of government; and

8 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth, as a sovereign state within the
9 union, maintains its own National Guard under the command of the
10 Governor, and that authority must not be usurped by a unilateral
11 order from the Federal Executive Branch; and

12 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of
13 Pennsylvania opposes any deployment of Federal troops or
14 federalized National Guard units into our cities, including
15 Philadelphia, Pittsburgh or any other municipality, without the
16 consent of the Governor and in violation of our State
17 sovereignty; and

18 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of
19 Pennsylvania has a responsibility to defend the rights of
20 Pennsylvanians against unlawful Federal intrusion, including the
21 militarization of domestic civil affairs; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
23 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania condemn the deployment of Federal
24 military and National Guard forces into American cities and
25 opposes any such action in this Commonwealth; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
27 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania condemn the use of Federal military
28 and National Guard forces to suppress peaceful assembly, protest
29 or other constitutionally protected activities in this
30 Commonwealth; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania declare that an attempt by the
3 Federal Government to deploy military forces in Pennsylvania
4 cities would be an unconstitutional abuse of power and a direct
5 violation of the principles of federalism; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
7 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Governor of Pennsylvania,
8 the Attorney General of Pennsylvania and each State agency to
9 take all available legal action to resist and prevent any such
10 deployment within this Commonwealth; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
12 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania call upon the Congress of the
13 United States to conduct immediate oversight into the Trump
14 Administration's use of military force against civilians and to
15 reaffirm statutory limits on domestic military deployment; and
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
18 the President of the United States, the United States Secretary
19 of War, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate,
20 the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States
21 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
22 Representatives, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the
23 United States House of Representatives, the Governor of
24 Pennsylvania and the Attorney General of Pennsylvania.