

shall annually issue his proclamation designating and calling upon the public schools, other educational institutions of the State, and the citizens of Pennsylvania to observe the birthday of William Penn, the great Founder and Governor of Pennsylvania. Said birthday of William Penn shall be observed on the twenty-fourth day of October of each year, unless such day falls on Saturday or Sunday, in which event the Governor may designate the preceding Friday or the following Monday. In pursuance to said proclamation of the Governor, appropriate exercises with respect to the life of William Penn, the Founder and Proprietor and Governor of Pennsylvania, and the principles advocated by him in founding Pennsylvania, shall be held in the public schools and other educational institutions under the Commonwealth.

Proclamation by
the Governor.

Observance on
October 24.

Exercises.

The act approved the ninth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven (Pamphlet Laws, twenty), entitled "An act providing for the observance of Pennsylvania Day in commemoration of the granting of the charter by Charles II of England to William Penn," is hereby repealed.

Act of March 9,
1927 (P. L. 20),
repealed.

APPROVED—The 22d day of June, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 233

AN ACT

Declaring and adopting the hemlock (*Tsuga Canadensis* Linnaeus) as the State tree of Pennsylvania.

Whereas, The hemlock (*Tsuga Canadensis* Linnaeus) is still today, as it was of old, the tree most typical of the forests of Pennsylvania; and

Preamble.

Whereas, The hemlock yielded to our pioneers the wood from which they wrought their cabin homes; and

Whereas, The hemlock gave its bark to found a mighty industry; and

Whereas, The hemlock everywhere lends kindly shelter and sure haven to the wild things of forests; and

Whereas, The lighted hemlock at Christmas time dazzles the bright eyes of the child with an unguessed hope, and bears to the aged, in its leaves of evergreen, a sign and symbol of faith in immortality; now therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the hemlock tree (*Tsuga Canadensis* Linnaeus) be adopted as the State tree of Pennsylvania.

State tree.
Hemlock.

APPROVED—The 22d day of June, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT