
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 365 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY SNYDER, M. K. KELLER, HARKINS, KINSEY, SABATINA, DONATUCCI, CAUSER, COHEN, MUSTIO, DUSH, SONNEY, VEREB, FARINA, ENGLISH, MILLARD, TOEPEL, BAKER, LONGIETTI, DIGIROLAMO, CALTAGIRONE, BISHOP, READSHAW, HENNESSEY, PICKETT, ROZZI, HARHART, MURT, BROWNLEE, VITALI, A. HARRIS, BOBACK, OBERLANDER, J. HARRIS, TALLMAN, ROSS, P. DALEY, IRVIN, MAHONEY, SAYLOR, KAUFFMAN, SCHLEGEL CULVER, MARSHALL, ACOSTA, GIBBONS, O'NEILL, GOODMAN, MATZIE, V. BROWN, THOMAS, BENNINGHOFF, MENTZER, FEE, PAYNE, HAHN, YOUNGBLOOD, SANKEY, ZIMMERMAN, MAJOR, WHEELAND, ROEBUCK, GROVE, WATSON AND HARHAI, JUNE 2, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 2, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of June 2015 as "Dairy Month" and "Dairy
2 Farmers Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Dairy farming serves as a primary economic driver
4 behind the number one industry in Pennsylvania, which is
5 agriculture; and

6 WHEREAS, Dairy farming is a proud family tradition in this
7 Commonwealth, where nearly all dairy farms have family ownership
8 and depend on family labor; and

9 WHEREAS, Dairy farming is a demanding way of life that
10 requires healthy workers with a strong work ethic in order to
11 produce the high-quality milk and other wholesome nutritional
12 products enjoyed by Pennsylvania's families and the citizens of
13 other states; and

1 WHEREAS, There are more than 7,000 dairy businesses in
2 Pennsylvania, both large and small, and approximately 540,000
3 cows, which produce nearly 11 billion pounds of milk each year;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Dairy serves as the largest segment of this
6 Commonwealth's agriculture industry, with Pennsylvania producing
7 about 1.2 billion gallons of milk or more than 5% of the
8 nation's total milk supply annually, ranking fifth in the
9 nation, and contributing about \$2.3 billion to the State's
10 economy; and

11 WHEREAS, Dairy farms in this Commonwealth produce milk
12 locally and export it to cities and other states along the East
13 Coast of the United States, and this revenue is then reinvested
14 in the local community; and

15 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's dairy farms serve as the ideal model
16 for sustainable rural economic development, providing
17 stimulation to both State and local economies; and

18 WHEREAS, Studies show that dairy foods, when consumed as part
19 of a healthy diet, improve overall diet quality and may help to
20 reduce the risk of certain diseases; and

21 WHEREAS, Generations of Pennsylvania farmers have been
22 dedicated to the preservation of the environment, helping to
23 maintain the high quality of this Commonwealth's natural
24 resources; and

25 WHEREAS, Dairy farms comprise an important part of the local
26 economy in nearly every part of this Commonwealth; and

27 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's many picturesque dairy farms have
28 been a mainstay in the renowned beauty of the rural Pennsylvania
29 landscape for centuries; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the

1 month of June 2015 as "Dairy Month" and "Dairy Farmers
2 Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania and recognize the
3 outstanding contributions of Pennsylvania's dairy farmers to the
4 historical, cultural, environmental, economic and health success
5 of this Commonwealth; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the members of the House of Representatives
7 each take action to honor and praise the many contributions that
8 dairy farmers and their families and all those involved in the
9 dairy industry make regularly to improve the lives of all
10 Pennsylvanians.