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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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DINNIMAN, SCAVELLO, WHITE, YAW, ARGALL, COSTA, AUMENT,  
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A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, Dairy farming is the primary economic driver behind  
4 the largest industry in this Commonwealth, which is agriculture;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Dairy farming is a proud family tradition in  
7 Pennsylvania, where 98% of dairy farms are owned by families and  
8 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 to produce the  
11 high-quality milk and other wholesome nutritional products  
12 enjoyed by Pennsylvania's families and the residents of other  
13 states; and

14 WHEREAS, There are more than 7,400 dairy businesses, both  
15 large and small, and 541,000 cows that produce nearly 11 billion  
16 pounds of milk each year in this Commonwealth; and

17 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania dairy industry and related

1 businesses contribute more than \$5 billion annually to the  
2 State's economy, supporting approximately 40,000 quality,  
3 family-sustaining, stable jobs for individuals in rural  
4 communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania dairy farms produce milk locally and  
6 export it to cities and other states along the east coast of the  
7 United States and this revenue is then reinvested in the local  
8 community; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Generations of Pennsylvania farmers have been  
16 dedicated to the preservation of the environment, helping to  
17 maintain the high quality of this Commonwealth's natural  
18 resources; and

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

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of June 2015 as  
23 "Dairy Farmers Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania and recognize  
24 the outstanding contributions of Pennsylvania's dairy farmers to  
25 the historical, cultural, environmental and economic success of  
26 this Commonwealth.