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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 499 Session of  
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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 2, 2002

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 26, 2002, as "Arbor Day"; promoting public  
2 participation in the celebration; and further recognizing the  
3 value of trees to our environment.

4 WHEREAS, The tree has proved to be a valuable component of  
5 our environment by providing us with natural aesthetics for  
6 landscaping, a biological tool to control water and wind  
7 erosion, a renewable source of food, fuel and lumber for man, a  
8 habitat for birds and wildlife, and a natural producer of oxygen  
9 and water through the process of transpiration; and

10 WHEREAS, The original "Arbor Day" was observed with the  
11 planting of more than a million trees; and

1       WHEREAS, Scientists, environmentalists, foresters and  
2 government officials throughout the world are increasingly  
3 alarmed about the significant clearing and destruction of the  
4 forests of the world and are now exploring the feasibility of  
5 large-scale reforestation programs as a means of preventing a  
6 possible adverse climate change such as global warming; and

7       WHEREAS, "Arbor Day" has been designated by many states as a  
8 time to recognize the importance of trees to our environment;  
9 and

10       WHEREAS, "Arbor Day" is now celebrated throughout the United  
11 States and in countries around the world; and

12       WHEREAS, The last Friday in April is commonly held to be the  
13 day to celebrate "Arbor Day"; therefore be it

14       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby designate April 26, 2002, as  
16 "Arbor Day"; and be it further

17       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives ask that citizens  
18 and communities throughout this Commonwealth, individually and  
19 collectively, engage in the celebration of "Arbor Day" by  
20 planting trees in appropriate public places as a source of  
21 future enjoyment and civic pride; and be it further

22       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be conveyed to the  
23 Governor and the Senate of this Commonwealth to solicit their  
24 support of this designation.