

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging participation in the "Hunters Sharing the Harvest"
2 program in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Since 1991, the Pennsylvania Hunters Sharing the
4 Harvest program, www.shareddeer.org, has effectively brought the
5 hunting public together to compassionately serve their
6 communities and has been providing venison to regional food bank
7 systems to benefit needy citizens throughout this Commonwealth;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The overabundance of deer in certain regions of this
10 Commonwealth has impacted our agricultural community, forest
11 industry, natural biodiversity and overall quality of life and
12 safety for many citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, For more than 20 years this unique program has
14 provided an average of more than 85,000 pounds annually of this
15 nutritious, high-protein meat to citizens needing food
16 assistance through local area food banks, and now is calling on
17 all Pennsylvanians to assist in this program; and

18 WHEREAS, Further assistance is needed to provide funds to

1 offset the processing costs for venison and further extend
2 delivery systems to more quickly and efficiently reach needy
3 recipients; and

4 WHEREAS, The General Assembly, Pennsylvania Game Commission
5 and the Department of Agriculture and the Department of
6 Conservation and Natural Resources have supported these efforts
7 and now join with more than 62 corporate and organizational
8 program partners, including Safari Club International,
9 Pennsylvania Chapters, Friends of the National Rifle Association
10 (NRA), the Pennsylvania Association of Regional Food Banks and
11 the Pennsylvania Association of Meat Processors in encouraging
12 hunters to share their harvest through Pennsylvania's Hunters
13 Sharing the Harvest program; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage the citizens of this
15 Commonwealth and especially individuals and groups that are most
16 concerned in supporting Hunters Sharing the Harvest in
17 Pennsylvania and extend its appreciation to the program's public
18 partners for joining in this challenge to distribute this
19 valuable component of our wildlife resources and fight hunger;
20 and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage the Department of
22 Agriculture and others to continue providing information via
23 Internet websites and other means about donating big game and
24 other lawfully taken wildlife via Hunters Sharing the Harvest to
25 food banks, county and local government, municipalities,
26 sportsman's clubs and meat processors throughout this
27 Commonwealth and other individuals, nonprofit agencies,
28 charitable organizations and businesses requesting this
29 information.