

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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GILLEN AND GINGRICH, JUNE 1, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 1, 2015

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 15 through 21, 2015, as "Pollinator  
2 Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pollinator species such as birds and insects,  
4 including bees, are essential partners of farmers and ranchers  
5 in producing much of our food supply; and

6 WHEREAS, Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our  
7 national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and  
8 wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources and recreational  
9 opportunities, as well as enhanced economic development  
10 opportunities for communities; and

11 WHEREAS, Pollinator species, such as bees, provide  
12 significant environmental benefits that are necessary for  
13 maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

14 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has managed wildlife habitats and  
15 public lands such as forests and grasslands for decades; and

1 WHEREAS, The Bee Law, which appears in Chapter 21 of Title 3  
2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, and other laws and  
3 regulations provide producers with conservation assistance to  
4 promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection  
5 and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working  
6 lands and wildlands, and, through the Department of Agriculture,  
7 register and regulate each apiary; and

8 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association works  
9 with the Department of Agriculture to promote pollination,  
10 beekeeping and the production of honey; and

11 WHEREAS, Among its activities, the association:

12 (1) produces a newsletter 10 times per year;

13 (2) meets twice yearly to conduct business;

14 (3) operates a booth at the Pennsylvania Farm Show and  
15 Ag Progress Days to promote honey and beekeeping;

16 (4) maintains an education program to inspire new  
17 beekeepers and to continue to investigate avenues to provide  
18 information to more accomplished beekeepers;

19 (5) supports Delaware Valley College and The  
20 Pennsylvania State University in projects, staff and grant  
21 requests that further research and continually promote  
22 beekeeping; and

23 (6) operates the Honey Queen Program to promote honey  
24 and to provide beekeepers across this Commonwealth with a  
25 resource person to assist in promoting honey in local areas;

26 and

27 WHEREAS, The Pollinator Partnership is a nonprofit  
28 organization that protects the health of managed and native  
29 pollinating animals vital to North American ecosystems and  
30 agriculture; and

1 WHEREAS, The Pollinator Partnership collaborates with  
2 stakeholders who manage or influence landscapes to do a better  
3 job of sharing the landscape with pollinators; and

4 WHEREAS, The Pollinator Partnership's mission is to protect  
5 pollinators critical to food and ecosystems through  
6 conservation, education and research through a National  
7 Pollinator Week, a North American Pollinator Protection Campaign  
8 and Ecoregional Planting Guides; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
10 week of June 15 through 21, 2015, as "Pollinator Week" in  
11 Pennsylvania; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the  
13 Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association, The Pennsylvania  
14 State University Cooperative Extension, Delaware Valley College  
15 and the Department of Agriculture for their cooperative efforts  
16 to promote pollination, beekeeping and the production of honey;  
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the  
19 efforts of the Pollination Partnership to annually observe a  
20 National Pollinator Week; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Governor  
22 to issue a proclamation urging all citizens to recognize this  
23 observance; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
25 the Governor, the Department of Agriculture, the Pennsylvania  
26 Beekeepers Association and the Pollination Partnership.