
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2017 as "Mushroom Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, American mushroom farming began on a farm in Chester
4 County, now recognized as the "mushroom capital of the world";
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a growing and productive mushroom
7 agribusiness in many parts of this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Thanks to its 68 mushroom farms, Pennsylvania leads
9 the nation in mushroom production; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania growers produced 584.1 million pounds
11 of mushrooms in the 2014-2015 growing season with an estimated
12 value of \$554.4 million; and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's mushroom producers supplied 63% of
14 the white, brown and specialty varieties grown in the United
15 States in the 2014-2015 growing season; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's mushroom farms are family owned and
17 operated, some for as many as four generations; and

1 WHEREAS, Mushrooms are one of the most difficult commodities
2 to grow due to the intensive labor required to produce a
3 consistent, high-quality crop; and

4 WHEREAS, Modern mushroom farms are highly technical
5 operations that utilize computerized systems to monitor
6 production and safety; and

7 WHEREAS, Mushroom growers carefully prepare compost, generate
8 an indoor pasteurization process, control temperature and
9 humidity and harvest their crop thanks to advancements in
10 technology; and

11 WHEREAS, The mushroom industry contributes to the
12 preservation of this Commonwealth's agricultural customs and
13 traditions; and

14 WHEREAS, The success of the mushroom industry greatly
15 contributes to the economies of Chester County and this
16 Commonwealth; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September
18 2017 as "Mushroom Month" in Pennsylvania in recognition of
19 Pennsylvania's thriving agriculture industry, and encourage all
20 residents to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of the
21 mushroom industry to produce an abundant, profitable mushroom
22 crop, recognized for superior quality and its significance to
23 this Commonwealth's economy.