THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 209 Session of 2005

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 29, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 2 3	Recognizing April 29, 2005, as "Arbor Day"; promoting public participation in the celebration; and further recognizing the 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 government officials throughout the world are increasingly 2 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 possible adverse climate change such as global warming; and 6 7 WHEREAS, "Arbor Day" has been designated by many states as a time to recognize the importance of trees to our environment; 8 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 29, 2005, 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 future enjoyment and civic pride; and be it further 21 22 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be conveyed to the Governor and the Senate of this Commonwealth to solicit their 23 support of this designation. 24

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