

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# SENATE RESOLUTION

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SCARNATI, EARLL AND WONDERLING, MARCH 25, 2009

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MARCH 25, 2009

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of March 23 through 27, 2009, as "Family  
2 Farm Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The family farm in Pennsylvania has, since the  
4 charter of William Penn from King Charles II in 1681, been the  
5 backbone of this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, The family farm has, from the beginning of this  
7 Commonwealth even to this day, provided a large percentage of  
8 the food consumed by the citizens of this State; and

9 WHEREAS, The family farm delivers an important security  
10 component of this Commonwealth, in that in the case of any  
11 disaster, these farms will be able to provide food for many of  
12 Pennsylvania's citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, The lifestyles of the families that operate farms  
14 have, in the past generation, been threatened by numerous  
15 outside factors including the scope of government regulation,  
16 thereby making family farming a less desirable lifestyle for

1 those otherwise inclined toward it; and

2 WHEREAS, The family and small farms of this Commonwealth  
3 provide many residual benefits to wildlife, including unused  
4 food and safe harbors during harsh winter months, thereby  
5 improving the overall scope of natural resources; and

6 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's farm produce is exported to  
7 virtually every state in this nation and to many other  
8 countries; and

9 WHEREAS, During this week, all public schools in this  
10 Commonwealth are encouraged to study the impact, principles and  
11 practices of family farming and how it has affected this  
12 Commonwealth and helped shape the heritage of freedom and  
13 property rights, both internally and with other states; and

14 WHEREAS, During this week, schools are encouraged to take  
15 children on field trips to engage in extracurricular activities  
16 with family farms in this Commonwealth; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States and the world will be impacted  
18 detrimentally should the family farms of this Commonwealth in  
19 any way fail or falter; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of March 23  
21 through 27, 2009, as "Family Farm Week" in Pennsylvania.