
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY VOGEL, WAGNER, BROOKS, TEPLITZ, DINNIMAN, ARGALL,
HAYWOOD, WARD, SCARNATI, YAW, GREENLEAF, BAKER, EICHELBERGER,
KITCHEN, WHITE, SCHWANK, VANCE, PILEGGI, GORDNER, AUMENT AND
RAFFERTY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of February 21 through 28, 2015, as "FFA
2 Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Future Farmers of America, now the National FFA
4 Organization (FFA), has grown from its agricultural beginnings
5 into a broad-spectrum leadership incubator; and

6 WHEREAS, The FFA creed expresses belief in the future of
7 agriculture with the following motto: "with a faith born not of
8 words but of deeds"; and

9 WHEREAS, In accordance with the FFA motto, members serve
10 their chapter, community and country by cultivating friendships
11 and planting new ideas and seeds of hope wherever they go:
12 "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to
13 Serve"; and

14 WHEREAS, FFA in the 21st century welcomes young women and
15 young men with diverse backgrounds, and FFA membership has
16 reached a 28-year record high; and

17 WHEREAS, More than 624,000 FFA members from 50 states, Puerto

1 Rico and the Virgin Islands are learning to be successful
2 leaders in agriculture, agribusiness, agriscience and other
3 fields; and

4 WHEREAS, Many FFA members live far from working farms but
5 have an interest in related fields, including food science, turf
6 management and horticulture; and

7 WHEREAS, FFA members who live in rural areas now represent
8 27% of the national organization; and

9 WHEREAS, Females comprise 37% of total membership and nearly
10 50% of all FFA officer teams; and

11 WHEREAS, Young people across this Commonwealth continue to
12 wear the traditional blue corduroy jacket which distinguishes
13 FFA members; and

14 WHEREAS, State President Katie McLaughlin of Mifflintown
15 represents today's diverse FFA; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of February 21
17 through 28, 2015, as "FFA Week" in Pennsylvania and congratulate
18 the members, advisers and parents involved with this exemplary
19 youth organization.