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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 352 Session of  
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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 5 through 11, 2016, as "Chesapeake  
2 Bay Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay is the largest and most  
4 productive estuary in the United States, its watershed spanning  
5 six states and the District of Columbia; and

6 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay is fed by 50 major tributaries,  
7 the largest being the Susquehanna River, which provides 50% of  
8 the freshwater to the Bay; and

9 WHEREAS, Stretching 200 miles from Havre de Grace, Maryland,  
10 to Norfolk, Virginia, the Chesapeake Bay has an average depth of  
11 21 feet and ranges from 3.4 to 35 miles wide; and

12 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay supports 348 species of finfish,  
13 173 species of shellfish and more than 3,600 species of plant  
14 and animal life, including 2,700 types of plants and more than  
15 16 species of underwater grasses; and

16 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay produces more than 500 million  
17 pounds of seafood harvest each year; and

18 WHEREAS, The bay's tributaries in this Commonwealth are an

1 important source of drinking water and recreational fishing and  
2 boating for this Commonwealth; and

3 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay watershed is an extraordinary and  
4 vital natural resource, with some of the nation's most  
5 productive farm and forest lands in this Commonwealth's portion  
6 of the watershed; and

7 WHEREAS, This productivity supported the settlement and  
8 growth of our nation and is a vital resource for future  
9 generations; and

10 WHEREAS, The Chesapeake Bay area is home to more than 17  
11 million people, many of whom rely upon the bay for their  
12 livelihood and recreational activities; and

13 WHEREAS, The rich history, pivotal economic importance and  
14 astounding beauty of the Chesapeake Bay watershed never cease to  
15 amaze residents and visitors alike; and

16 WHEREAS, All residents of this Commonwealth are encouraged to  
17 commemorate "Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week" with events and  
18 educational programs designed to increase awareness of the  
19 importance of the Chesapeake Bay to this Commonwealth, the  
20 region and the United States; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of June 5  
22 through 11, 2016, as "Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week" in  
23 Pennsylvania.