
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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2017

INTRODUCED BY VOGEL, BROOKS, DINNIMAN, MARTIN, FONTANA,
LANGERHOLC, BAKER, GREENLEAF, WARD, BROWNE, BARTOLOTTA, YAW,
GORDNER, ARGALL, COSTA, BREWSTER, HUTCHINSON, SCHWANK,
AUMENT, RAFFERTY, DISANTO, FOLMER, VULAKOVICH, MENSCH, HUGHES
AND WHITE, FEBRUARY 8, 2017

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, FEBRUARY 8, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of February 18 through 25, 2017, 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 an all-time record high; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 640,000 FFA members from 50 states, Puerto
2 Rico and the Virgin Islands are learning to be successful
3 leaders in agriculture, agribusiness, agriscience and other
4 fields; and

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

8 WHEREAS, FFA members who live in rural areas now represent
9 27% of the national organization; and

10 WHEREAS, Females comprise 37% of total membership and nearly
11 50% of all FFA officer teams; and

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

15 WHEREAS, FFA State President Libby Baker-Mikesell of Port
16 Royal represents today's diverse FFA; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of February 18
18 through 25, 2017, as "FFA Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate congratulate the members, advisers
21 and parents involved with this exemplary youth organization.