

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 375 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY PICKETT, BERNSTINE, BIZZARRO, BURNS, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, DeLUCA, DiGIROLAMO, ECKER, EMRICK, EVERETT, FREEMAN, GREINER, HENNESSEY, HICKERNELL, HILL-EVANS, KAUFFMAN, KORTZ, KULIK, LONGIETTI, MACKENZIE, MALONEY, MARKOSEK, MEHAFFIE, MENTZER, MILLARD, B. MILLER, MOUL, NEILSON, OBERLANDER, OWLETT, PYLE, READSHAW, RYAN, SAINATO, SAPPEY, SAYLOR, SCHMITT, SCHWEYER, SNYDER, SONNEY, STAATS, STRUZZI, WARREN, WILLIAMS, YOUNGBLOOD AND ZIMMERMAN, JUNE 4, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 4, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of June 2019 as "Dairy Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Early records indicate that June started out as a
4 month that recognized the importance of dairy products for the
5 purpose of distributing extra milk during the warm months of
6 summer; and

7 WHEREAS, June was chosen in 1937 by grocer organizations
8 sponsoring "National Milk Month"; and

9 WHEREAS, By 1939, June became nationally recognized as "Dairy
10 Month"; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Agriculture and
12 Department of Health and Human Services created Dietary
13 Guidelines for Americans to reinforce the importance of
14 consuming three daily servings of dairy foods such as milk and

1 cheese; and

2 WHEREAS, Dairy is highlighted for providing three of the four
3 nutrients that are typically lacking in American diets: calcium,
4 potassium and vitamin D; and

5 WHEREAS, These nutrients play key roles in preventing heart
6 disease, obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes and
7 osteoporosis; and

8 WHEREAS, Cow's milk offers a superior nutrient package over
9 alternative beverages such as soy, almond, rice or coconut milk;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has more than 6,500 dairy farms,
12 the most dairy farms in any state except Wisconsin; and

13 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is ranked 6th in total milk
14 production nationally, with 525,000 cows producing more than
15 10.8 billion pounds of milk annually; and

16 WHEREAS, Dairy is the economic driver for this Commonwealth's
17 number one industry, agriculture; and

18 WHEREAS, The dairy industry supports this Commonwealth's
19 economy at a value of \$14.7 billion a year and more than 52,000
20 jobs; and

21 WHEREAS, Approximately 85% of each dairy farm's income is
22 spent in the local community and each dairy farm dollar is
23 recycled 2.5 times throughout the local community; and

24 WHEREAS, "Dairy Month" offers an opportunity to honor dairy
25 farm families and the food processors who provide consumers with
26 a large variety of fresh and wholesome dairy products that
27 provide essential vitamins and nutrients; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
29 month of June 2019 as "Dairy Month" in Pennsylvania.