
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 505 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY MATZIE, READSHAW, SNYDER, HARHAI, GIBBONS,
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KINSEY, GABLER, SAYLOR, WATSON, KIRKLAND, MURT, HAHN AND
MOUL, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2015 as "Wine, Wineries and
2 Grapes Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania growers produce many of the finest food
4 products available worldwide; and

5 WHEREAS, Today the growth of Pennsylvania grapes occurs
6 thanks to the tireless efforts of generations of Pennsylvanians
7 who played instrumental roles in the founding of this nation's
8 great wine industry; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States' first commercial grapevine
10 nursery operated in Montgomery County in southeastern
11 Pennsylvania; and

12 WHEREAS, With more than 180 wineries in this Commonwealth,
13 Pennsylvania is seventh in the nation in the number of wineries

1 and fourth in the amount of wine produced; and

2 WHEREAS, Our wineries, grapes and grape juice provide a \$1.9
3 billion economic impact to this Commonwealth annually; and

4 WHEREAS, Since 2010, Commonwealth wineries boasted more than
5 75 award-winning entries in several national and international
6 wine competitions; and

7 WHEREAS, In light of the many successes, the Pennsylvania
8 Winery Association is proud to celebrate the industry during
9 October's Pennsylvania Wine Month; and

10 WHEREAS, This October wine lovers can revel in the year's
11 bountiful harvest as many of the wineries and trails throughout
12 this Commonwealth are offering harvest and celebration events;
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
15 month of October 2015 as "Wine, Wineries and Grapes Month" in
16 Pennsylvania; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
18 significant and invaluable contributions made by the grape
19 industry and the wine industry to this Commonwealth's history,
20 economy and quality of life; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the
22 residents of this Commonwealth to celebrate "Wine, Wineries and
23 Grapes Month" by enjoying many of the grape products of
24 Pennsylvania growers and responsibly partaking in favorite
25 Pennsylvania wine products while engaging in the festivities and
26 gaining awareness of the services and products offered by
27 Pennsylvania wineries throughout all seasons of the year.