

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, WAUGH, WENGER, MADIGAN, HELFRICK, PUNT,
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STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, THOMPSON AND BRIGHTBILL, MAY 22, 2001

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 22, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 2001 as "Dairy Month" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, The dairy industry in Pennsylvania represents the
3 largest segment of the agricultural economy, with 9,700 dairy
4 farms and more than 616,000 cows producing more than 10.9
5 billion pounds of milk annually; and

6 WHEREAS, Sales of milk from Pennsylvania farms generate more
7 than \$1.7 billion in farm income, which accounts for 39% of all
8 agricultural income; and

9 WHEREAS, Over \$40 million in dairy products are exported
10 annually; and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania currently ranks fourth nationally in
12 milk production, third in ice cream manufacturing, third in
13 butter manufacturing and sixth in cheese manufacturing; and

14 WHEREAS, Milk is Pennsylvania's official beverage, and the
15 milk produced annually by Pennsylvania dairy farms accounts for

1 nearly 7% of the total milk production in the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians drink more than 282 million gallons
3 of milk annually; and

4 WHEREAS, Forty-five manufacturers of dairy products, 33 fluid
5 milk processors and 22 milk producer dealers are located in
6 Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, Despite long hours of hard work, unpredictable
8 prices, uncooperative weather and low rates of return on labor
9 and capital investment, dairy farm families continue to produce
10 and promote quality products for the nutrition and enjoyment of
11 consumers; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's dairy industry has traditionally
13 provided stability to rural economies and has been a source of
14 pride for citizens across this Commonwealth who have the
15 opportunity to enjoy rural landscapes and savor a variety of
16 dairy products; and

17 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians have celebrated the accomplishments
18 of the dairy industry during the month of June for more than 60
19 years; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the accomplishments of dairy
21 farm families and the dairy industry and recognize June 2001 as
22 "Dairy Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate call upon the people of this
24 Commonwealth to celebrate "Dairy Month" and to salute dairy farm
25 families and the dairy industry for their contributions to
26 agriculture and their dedication to providing affordable,
27 quality products to consumers in this Commonwealth.