## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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Session of 2003

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating the week of September 21 through 27, 2003, as "Dog Week" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, We have been endowed with the blessing and benefits
- 4 of dogs who serve us as ally, protector, guide, companion and
- 5 friend; and
- 6 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the people in this
- 7 Commonwealth pay tribute to dogs and recognize the
- 8 responsibility to provide humane care for our animal friends;
- 9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, The dog is capable of being trained to guide persons
- 11 with disabilities and assumes this responsibility with selfless
- 12 dedication; and

- 1 WHEREAS, The companionship of a dog teaches children an
- 2 appreciation and respect for the animal kingdom; and
- 3 WHEREAS, For millions of senior citizens, a dog fills the
- 4 void left by departed friends and family; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Dogs serve our country in the armed forces and law
- 6 enforcement agencies and, with their human companion, endure the
- 7 dangers of life-and-death situations; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Dogs, including some from this Commonwealth, worked
- 9 around the clock after September 11, 2001, to find buried
- 10 remains, continuing under the most adverse conditions to offer
- 11 closure to families; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Dogs provide therapeutic services to many people;
- 13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, The unquestioning affection of faithful canine
- 15 friends and companions has enriched the lives of all who have
- 16 ever been dog owners; therefore be it
- 17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
- 18 week of September 21 through 27, 2003, as "Dog Week" in
- 19 Pennsylvania.