

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MARCH 19, 2007

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 19, 2007

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of March 18 through March 24, 2007, as  
2 "Agriculture Week" and March 21, 2007, as "Agriculture Day"  
3 in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Every citizen in this Commonwealth depends on our  
5 agriculture industry for an abundant, inexpensive, safe and  
6 nutritious food supply; and

7 WHEREAS, Act 71 of 2001 provides for observance of  
8 "Pennsylvania Agriculture Day" and "Pennsylvania Agriculture  
9 Week"; and

10 WHEREAS, Agriculture is Pennsylvania's number one industry;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, More than 8 million acres in this Commonwealth  
3 consist of field and pasture; and

4 WHEREAS, More than half of all Pennsylvanians lived on farms  
5 during the pioneer era; and

6 WHEREAS, Oliver Hudson Kelly founded the State Grange in  
7 1870; and

8 WHEREAS, The State Grange was fundamental in educating  
9 farmers about new farming technology and techniques; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has seen extraordinary changes in the  
11 size of farms and the utilization of technology; and

12 WHEREAS, Farmland is a rapidly disappearing natural resource;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, According to the American Farmland Trust, the United  
15 States is losing two acres of farmland every minute to new  
16 development; and

17 WHEREAS, Local farm businesses support farm and farm-related  
18 jobs; and

19 WHEREAS, One job of every five jobs in Pennsylvania is  
20 agriculturally related; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
22 week of March 18 through March 24, 2007, as "Agriculture Week"  
23 and March 21, 2007, as "Agriculture Day" in Pennsylvania and  
24 call upon the people of this Commonwealth to observe that day  
25 with appropriate ceremonies and activities.