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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, JUNE 24, 2013

A RESOLUTION

| 1 2 | Designating August 2013 as "Pennsylvania Produce Month" in Pennsylvania. |
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| 3 | WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's vegetable industry generates more |
| 4 | than \$155 million in revenue to the economy of this |
| 5 | Commonwealth; and |
| 6 | WHEREAS, Four thousand three hundred farm families manage |
| 7 | about 55,000 acres which produce more than 200,000 tons of |
| 8 | vegetables for fresh and processing use; and |
| 9 | WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's vegetable growers nationally placed |
| 10 | fifth in the production of pumpkins, sixth in processing snap |
| 11 | beans, seventh in fresh market sweet corn and eighth in |
| 12 | cantaloupes; and |
| 13 | WHEREAS, Pennsylvania vegetables are both delicious and |
| 14 | nutritious, providing important vitamins, fiber and other |
| 15 | dietary components that are essential to a healthy, balanced |
| 16 | diet; and |

WHEREAS, Health authorities have long encouraged increased
consumption of vegetables for both nutritional and disease
prevention purposes; and

4 WHEREAS, Fresh Pennsylvania vegetables are available in 5 abundant supply and peak quality at community farmers' markets, roadside farm markets and supermarkets throughout this 6 7 Commonwealth during the month of August; and 8 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's vegetable industry is committed to using integrated pest management and other good agricultural 9 10 practices to produce, in an environmentally sound manner, vegetables and vegetable products that are both nutritious and 11

12 safe; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate designate August 2013 as Pennsylvania Produce Month" in Pennsylvania and recognize this Commonwealth's abundant supply of "PA Preferred" fresh and processed vegetable products while recognizing the industry's contributions to our economy and our health.

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