

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 27, 2019, as "World Veterinary Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "World Veterinary Day" is globally celebrated to
4 highlight and promote the different facets of work performed by
5 veterinarians across the world and to raise awareness of their
6 contribution to improve animal health and welfare and public
7 health; and

8 WHEREAS, "World Veterinary Day" recognizes the vital role of
9 veterinarians and acknowledges the high respect for
10 veterinarians, their challenging work, long hours, educational
11 investments, dedication and compassion; and

12 WHEREAS, The World Veterinary Association and the World
13 Organization for Animal Health proclaimed the theme of 2019
14 "World Veterinary Day" as "Value of Vaccination"; and

15 WHEREAS, Vaccination is an essential tool for preventative
16 veterinary medicine, providing effective, inexpensive ways to
17 prevent deadly diseases from harming animals; and

1 WHEREAS, Vaccination can also prevent infections from
2 spreading to other animals, greatly reducing the risk of the
3 kind of disease outbreaks that result in catastrophic loss of
4 life; and

5 WHEREAS, Vaccinations and the animals they save play a huge
6 role in communities where livestock plays a central role as many
7 lives across the world are entirely dependent on those animals;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to America's first veterinary
10 school, the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary
11 Medicine, established in Philadelphia in 1884, an institution
12 that continues to be a preeminent leader in veterinary research
13 and education; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the birthplace of organized
15 veterinary medicine; and

16 WHEREAS, Veterinarians must continue to make advancements in
17 disease control management and improve animal welfare; and

18 WHEREAS, "World Veterinary Day" was first organized in 2000
19 by the World Organization for Animal Health and the World
20 Veterinary Association; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
22 role of the veterinary profession in improving the health and
23 welfare of all animals in Pennsylvania, from companion animals
24 to production animals to wildlife, and the profession's
25 enhancement of public and environmental health throughout
26 Pennsylvania; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April
28 27, 2019, as "World Veterinary Day" in Pennsylvania and join
29 other states and countries in celebrating "World Veterinary
30 Day."