## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 574 Session of 2002

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 6, 2002

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 2002 as "Dairy Month" in Pennsylvania. 2 WHEREAS, The dairy industry is the leading agricultural industry in Pennsylvania accounting for over 39% of all income 3 4 derived from agriculture and generating nearly \$1.7 billion in revenues to the economy of this Commonwealth; and 5 6 WHEREAS, Over \$40 million in dairy products are exported from 7 Pennsylvania annually; and 8 WHEREAS, There are nearly 10,000 dairy farms in Pennsylvania 9 and over 50,000 residents employed in the dairy industry; and

1 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania currently ranks fourth nationally in milk production, fourth in frozen dairy manufacturing, fourth in 2 3 butter manufacturing and fifth in cheese manufacturing; and 4 WHEREAS, Milk is Pennsylvania's official beverage, and dairy 5 farmers produce over 11.1 billion pounds of milk annually, nearly 7% of the total milk production in the United States; and 6 7 WHEREAS, Despite uncooperative weather patterns which affect the quality of feed and the condition of cattle, dairy farm 8 families continue to produce and promote quality products for 9 10 the nutritional enjoyment of consumers; and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's dairy industry is a delightful source 12 of pride for citizens across this Commonwealth and the nation 13 who have the opportunity to view the picturesque farms and savor 14 the food products; and

15 WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians have celebrated the accomplishments 16 of the dairy industry during the month of June for over 60 17 years; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the 19 accomplishments of dairy farm families and the dairy industry 20 and recognize June 2002 as "Dairy Month" in Pennsylvania; and be 21 it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call upon the people of this Commonwealth to celebrate "Dairy Month" and to salute dairy farm families and the dairy industry for their contributions to Pennsylvania agriculture and for their dedication to quality.

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