THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 212 Session of 2002

INTRODUCED BY M. WHITE, KUKOVICH, MADIGAN, CORMAN, WENGER, O'PAKE, WAGNER, THOMPSON, HELFRICK, LOGAN, TARTAGLIONE, ROBBINS, BRIGHTBILL, DENT, MURPHY, TOMLINSON, WAUGH, LEMMOND, WOZNIAK, SCHWARTZ, COSTA, EARLL, KITCHEN, BELL, MOWERY, STOUT, SCARNATI, BOSCOLA, MUSTO AND RHOADES, APRIL 15, 2002

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A RESOLUTION

Designating May 7, 2002, as "Stand Up for Rural Pennsylvania 1 2 Day." 3 WHEREAS, One-fifth of America's population lives in rural areas; and 4 5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to one of the largest rural 6 populations in the nation; and 7 WHEREAS, The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), 8 the nation's leading nonprofit community development organization, through its RURAL LISC component, is coordinating 9 a national "Stand Up for Rural America" coalition to help rural 10 11 community developers gain resources and policy support; and 12 WHEREAS, RURAL LISC, through financial support from the PEW Charitable Trusts, has committed \$18.5 million in funding to 13 14 eight community development corporations to develop better 15 housing, job facilities and communities in rural Pennsylvania over the next five years; and 16

WHEREAS, The Center for Rural Pennsylvania, a legislative service agency of the General Assembly, is serving on the LISC Rural Pennsylvania Initiative Steering Committee to assist in the development and implementation of this project; and WHEREAS, Nationwide, May 7, 2002, has been chosen as the day to celebrate rural America and the accomplishments of the rural coalition; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate shall hereby designate May 7, 2002,9 as "Stand Up for Rural Pennsylvania Day."