
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 734 Session of
2012

INTRODUCED BY MAHER, M. K. KELLER, AUMENT, BROOKS, CUTLER, DAY,
EVERETT, FABRIZIO, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GODSHALL,
HARRIS, HESS, HICKERNELL, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, KAUFFMAN,
MARSHALL, METZGAR, MURT, MUSTIO, OBERLANDER, PICKETT, ROCK,
SANTONI, SONNEY, STERN, SWANGER, TALLMAN AND VULAKOVICH,
MAY 16, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MAY 16,
2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2012 as "Beef Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The beef industry in Pennsylvania contributes \$2
4 billion to the economy each year and is an integral part of our
5 leading industry, agriculture; and

6 WHEREAS, Beef producers in this Commonwealth are helping to
7 ensure a quality food supply for consumers through voluntary
8 quality assurance programs that help to ensure safe, nutritious
9 meat products; and

10 WHEREAS, This segment of the farm community plays a vital
11 role in keeping agricultural land in production by adopting
12 environmental practices that enhance the land and preserve its
13 viability for future generations; and

14 WHEREAS, Two of the largest United States beef packers are
15 located in this Commonwealth, accounting for more than 1 million

1 head of cattle, beef and dairy origin, harvested annually; and

2 WHEREAS, Consumer demand for beef has been increasing
3 steadily in recent years due to the promotion, research and
4 education efforts paid for by beef producers through a \$1
5 checkoff program for each animal sold; and

6 WHEREAS, Beef continues to be a safe, wholesome part of the
7 dinner and lunch menus in homes and restaurants across this
8 Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's cattle industry is agile, committed
10 and responsive to animal and human health issues, assuring
11 producers and consumers alike that issues concerning food safety
12 and illness can be addressed promptly, professionally and
13 thoroughly; and

14 WHEREAS, All beef produced under the PA Preferred Program is
15 certified by the Pennsylvania Beef Quality Assurance Program;
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
18 month of May 2012 as "Beef Month" in Pennsylvania.