
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 403 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY SNYDER, ROZZI, BAKER, YOUNGBLOOD, PASHINSKI,
MILLARD, HICKERNELL, METZGAR, O'NEILL, CALTAGIRONE, BURNS,
CAUSER, HAHN, D. COSTA, KAUFFMAN, BOBACK, WARNER, WARREN,
DiGIROLAMO, DAVIS, PICKETT, SAINATO, WARD, KINSEY, DUSH,
SONNEY, SAYLOR, BIZZARRO, READSHAW, TOEPEL, SOLOMON, GROVE,
MENTZER, RYAN, FREEMAN, MURT, MARSICO, A. HARRIS, ROEBUCK,
DeLUCA, ORTITAY, SANKEY, HEFFLEY AND TALLMAN, JUNE 14, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 14, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of June 2017 as "Dairy Month" and "Dairy
2 Farmers Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Agriculture is Pennsylvania's leading economic
4 driver and the dairy industry is the largest component of
5 Pennsylvania's agricultural economy; and

6 WHEREAS, Milk production alone contributes more than 35% of
7 all agricultural income and generates more than \$5 billion in
8 revenue for Pennsylvania's economy; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 6,650 dairy farm families manage 525,000
10 cows that produce more than 10.9 billion pounds of the nation's
11 total supply of milk annually, ranking Pennsylvania fifth
12 nationally in milk production; and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's dairy manufacturers continue to be
14 among the nation's top producers of butter (second), cheese
15 (seventh) and low-fat ice cream (fourth); and

1 WHEREAS, "Dairy Month" offers an opportunity to honor farm
2 families and the food processors who provide consumers with a
3 wide variety of fresh, wholesome dairy products that provide
4 essential nutrients to growing bodies and comprise a healthy
5 diet; and

6 WHEREAS, Milk was named the official beverage of the
7 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on April 29, 1982, by the General
8 Assembly; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is proud of its dairy industry and the
10 important contribution the dairy industry makes to our economy
11 and the welfare of our citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania salutes dairy farmers and their
13 families for the strength and vitality they bring to rural
14 communities throughout this Commonwealth, their commitment to
15 using advanced technology for maximum efficiency and their
16 dedication to animal care, environmental stewardship and quality
17 dairy products; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
19 month of June 2017 as "Dairy Month" and "Dairy Farmers
20 Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania and recognize the
21 outstanding contributions of Pennsylvania's dairy farmers to the
22 historical, cultural, environmental, economic and health success
23 of this Commonwealth.