
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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METZGAR, WARREN, KINSEY, HELM, BURNS, R. BROWN, YOUNGBLOOD,
READSHAW AND ROEBUCK, APRIL 18, 2018

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 18, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 28, 2018, 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 2018
14 "World Veterinary Day" as "The Role of the Veterinary Profession
15 in Sustainable Development to Improve Livelihoods, Food Security

1 and Safety"; and

2 WHEREAS, All veterinary services and veterinary professionals
3 play a key part in supporting sustainable development to improve
4 livelihoods, food security and safety, offering professional
5 advice to farmers and animal owners and collaborating with the
6 human health sector; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is uniquely positioned to support
8 livelihoods, food security and safety, since the Animal Health
9 and Diagnostic Commission and the Pennsylvania Animal Diagnostic
10 Laboratory System function to support the role of the
11 veterinarian in assuring agricultural biosecurity; and

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

17 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the birthplace of organized
18 veterinary medicine; and

19 WHEREAS, Veterinarians must continue to make advancements in
20 disease control management, improve animal welfare and encourage
21 and achieve a sustainable agribusiness environment that uses
22 best practices and focuses on food safety; and

23 WHEREAS, "World Veterinary Day" was first organized in 2000
24 by the World Organization for Animal Health and the World
25 Veterinary Association; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
27 role of the veterinary profession in improving the health and
28 welfare of all animals in Pennsylvania, from companion animals
29 to production animals to wildlife, and the profession's
30 enhancement of public and environmental health throughout

1 Pennsylvania; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April
3 28, 2018, as "World Veterinary Day" in Pennsylvania and join
4 other states and countries in celebrating "World Veterinary
5 Day."