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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1010 Session of  
2018

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INTRODUCED BY HILL-EVANS, DEAN, HENNESSEY, QUIGLEY, NEILSON,  
BURNS, DUSH, SONNEY, KINSEY, TOEPEL, READSHAW, BARRAR, WARD,  
RYAN, PASHINSKI, MURT, LONGIETTI, CUTLER, BIZZARRO,  
DIGIROLAMO, BOBACK, FREEMAN, J. HARRIS, SCHLEGEL CULVER,  
M. QUINN, MARSICO, MILLARD, HEFFLEY, DALEY, CALTAGIRONE,  
WATSON, THOMAS, SCHWEYER, STURLA, YOUNGBLOOD, EVERETT,  
ZIMMERMAN, GILLEN, BRADFORD AND ROZZI, JULY 2, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JULY 2, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of August 2018 as "Pennsylvania Produce  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's fruit and vegetable production  
4 industry is an important contributor to the State's economy; and

5 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is among the nation's top  
6 producers of bell peppers, cantaloupes, pumpkins, snap beans,  
7 sweet corn, apples, grapes and peaches; and

8 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is the nation's leading producer  
9 of mushrooms; and

10 WHEREAS, Altogether, more than 70,000 acres of this  
11 Commonwealth's farmland are used in the production of fruits and  
12 vegetables; and

13 WHEREAS, More than 90% of farms in this Commonwealth are  
14 family-owned; and

15 WHEREAS, There are approximately 1,000 farmers markets in

1 this Commonwealth, which allow farmers to sell directly to  
2 consumers and are crucial for bringing fresh produce into  
3 communities; and

4 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth ranks first among the states in  
5 the number of farms that make direct sales to consumers and  
6 ranks third in total direct sales to consumers, totaling \$224  
7 million in 2015; and

8 WHEREAS, The farmers and workers who grow, pick and transport  
9 our food work tirelessly to ensure that this Commonwealth and  
10 the nation as a whole remain fed and nourished; and

11 WHEREAS, Health authorities have long encouraged increased  
12 consumption of fruits and vegetables for good nutrition and  
13 disease prevention; and

14 WHEREAS, Fruits and vegetables are both delicious and  
15 nutritious, providing important vitamins, fiber and other  
16 nutrients essential to a healthy, balanced diet; and

17 WHEREAS, The PA Preferred program was established in 2004 to  
18 help Pennsylvanians identify produce that has been grown,  
19 harvested and, if applicable, processed in this Commonwealth;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, PA Preferred produce can be recognized by the  
22 program's registered logo, a blue keystone with a gold  
23 checkmark; and

24 WHEREAS, Fresh Pennsylvania fruits and vegetables are  
25 available in abundant supply and top quality at community  
26 farmers markets, roadside farm markets and supermarkets  
27 throughout this Commonwealth; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
29 month of August 2018 as "Pennsylvania Produce Month" in  
30 Pennsylvania.