
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY SCHWANK, VOGEL, COSTA, STREET, DINNIMAN, BROWNE,
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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 17, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November 3, 2018, as "One Health Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, One Health is the concept that the health of humans,
4 animals, plants and the environment are closely linked; and

5 WHEREAS, "One Health Day" is celebrated around the globe to
6 highlight, promote and raise awareness about a One Health
7 approach to address complex health problems confronting humans,
8 animals, plants and the environment; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is committed to the health, safety
10 and well-being of all Pennsylvanians, the health and well-being
11 of domestic animals and free-ranging wild animals in this
12 Commonwealth and the health of the environment; and

13 WHEREAS, Our economy is dependent on healthy humans, animals,
14 plants and the environment; and

15 WHEREAS, Infectious diseases have the potential to
16 significantly harm this Commonwealth's economic and social well-
17 being; and

1 WHEREAS, Preventing infectious and vector-borne diseases and
2 limiting their spread from the environment to animals and
3 eventually to humans is both environmentally responsible and
4 economically beneficial; and

5 WHEREAS, The best health for humans, animals, plants and the
6 environment can only be achieved through the collaborative
7 efforts of multiple disciplines and organizations working
8 locally, regionally, nationally and globally; and

9 WHEREAS, The American Medical Association, American Nurses
10 Association, American Public Health Association, American
11 Veterinary Medical Association, Centers for Disease Control and
12 Prevention, United States Department of Agriculture and its
13 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, World Health
14 Organization and other partners acknowledge and encourage
15 increased collaboration of disciplines and organizations to
16 achieve the best health for humans, animals, plants and the
17 environment; and

18 WHEREAS, The goal of "One Health Day" is to build global
19 attention to human, animal, plant and environmental health
20 challenges and promote collaborative approaches; and

21 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has established a One Health Task
22 Force that is diligently working to broaden the collaborative
23 actions of Commonwealth agencies and our partners concerned with
24 attaining optimal health for humans, animals, plants and the
25 environment; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize November 3, 2018, as "One
27 Health Day" in Pennsylvania and join other states and countries
28 in celebrating "One Health Day."