THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 521 Session of 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR CONTROL, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

A RESOLUTION

| 1 2 | Designating the month of October 2019 as "Wine, Wineries and Grapes Month" in Pennsylvania. |
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| 3 | WHEREAS, Pennsylvania growers produce many of the finest food |
| 4 | products available worldwide; and |
| 5 | WHEREAS, Today, the growth of Pennsylvania grapes occurs |
| 6 | thanks to the tireless efforts of generations of Pennsylvanians |
| 7 | who played instrumental roles in the founding of this nation's |
| 8 | great wine industry; and |
| 9 | WHEREAS, The nation's first commercial grapevine nursery |
| 10 | operated in Montgomery County in southeastern Pennsylvania; and |
| 11 | WHEREAS, With more than 270 wineries in this Commonwealth, |
| 12 | Pennsylvania ranks seventh in the nation for the number of |
| 13 | wineries and fourth for the amount of wine produced; and |
| 14 | WHEREAS, Our wineries, grapes and grape juice provide an |
| 15 | annual 1.5-billion-dollar economic impact to this Commonwealth; |

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2 WHEREAS, Since 2010, Commonwealth wineries boasted more than 3 100 award-winning entries in several national and international 4 wine competitions; and

5 WHEREAS, In light of the many successes, the Pennsylvania 6 Winery Association is proud to celebrate the industry during 7 October's "Pennsylvania Wine Month"; and

8 WHEREAS, This October, wine lovers can revel in the year's 9 bountiful harvest as many of the wineries and trails throughout 10 this Commonwealth are offering harvest events and celebrations; 11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the 13 month of October 2019 as "Wine, Wineries and Grapes Month" in 14 Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the significant and invaluable contributions made by the grape industry and the wine industry to this Commonwealth's history, economy and quality of life; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the residents of this Commonwealth to celebrate "Wine, Wineries and 20 21 Grapes Month" by enjoying the many grape products offered by Pennsylvania growers and responsibly partaking in favored 22 23 Pennsylvania wine products, all while engaging in the 24 festivities and gaining awareness of the services and products 25 offered by Pennsylvania wineries throughout all seasons of the 26 year.

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