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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 958 Session of  
2020

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INTRODUCED BY HERSHEY, BURNS, DALEY, DAVANZO, DONATUCCI, ECKER,  
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PICKETT, PYLE, ROTHMAN, RYAN, SAPPEY, SCHMITT, SONNEY,  
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SCHLEGEL CULVER, B. MILLER AND DRISCOLL, JULY 30, 2020

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JULY 30, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of September 19 through 25, 2020, as "Thank  
2 a Local Farmer Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Farms located in this Commonwealth offer an  
4 abundance of fresh, wholesome food; and

5 WHEREAS, Consumers in this Commonwealth wish to purchase and  
6 enjoy the freshest and healthiest foods available on the market  
7 and support farms within their communities whenever possible;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Farmers in this Commonwealth do not exclusively sell  
10 produce locally and directly to their neighbors; and

11 WHEREAS, Rather, farmers in this Commonwealth provide food to  
12 consumers on a regional and even a global basis and have filled  
13 a uniquely vital role during times of market disruption,  
14 including during the public health emergency caused by the  
15 COVID-19 pandemic; and

1       WHEREAS, The economic success of farms and farmers in this  
2 Commonwealth is a key factor in maintaining the strength of  
3 local and regional economies; and

4       WHEREAS, Farmers in this Commonwealth play an important role  
5 in preserving our natural resources; and

6       WHEREAS, Strong relationships between farmers and their  
7 customers result in a better life for residents in this  
8 Commonwealth; and

9       WHEREAS, Farmers are fundamental to making local, healthy and  
10 fresh foods available to residents of this Commonwealth,  
11 including those individuals who use charitable food systems; and

12       WHEREAS, Thanking farmers through purchasing their local  
13 Pennsylvania products strengthens the fabric of this  
14 Commonwealth; therefore be it

15       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognizes the  
16 week of September 19 through 25, 2020, as "Thank a Local Farmer  
17 Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

18       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all  
19 residents and businesses in this Commonwealth to participate in  
20 celebrating our rich agricultural heritage and the bounty of our  
21 local harvest.