
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2019 as "Mushroom Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, American mushroom farming began on a farm in Chester
4 County, now recognized as the "Mushroom Capital of the World";
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a growing and productive mushroom
7 agribusiness in many parts of this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Thanks to its 68 mushroom farms, Pennsylvania leads
9 the nation in mushroom production; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania growers produced more than 500 million
11 pounds of mushrooms in the last growing season with an estimated
12 value of \$570.48 million; and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's mushroom farms are family owned and
14 operated, some for as many as four generations; and

15 WHEREAS, Mushrooms are one of the most difficult commodities
16 to grow due to the intensive labor required to produce a
17 consistent, high-quality crop; and

1 WHEREAS, Modern mushroom farms are highly technical
2 operations that utilize computerized systems to monitor
3 production and safety; and

4 WHEREAS, Mushroom growers carefully prepare compost, generate
5 an indoor pasteurization process, control temperature and
6 humidity and harvest their crop, thanks to advancements in
7 technology; and

8 WHEREAS, The mushroom industry contributes to the
9 preservation of this Commonwealth's agricultural customs and
10 traditions; and

11 WHEREAS, The success of the mushroom industry contributes
12 greatly to the economies of Chester County and this Commonwealth
13 while preserving this Commonwealth's agricultural traditions and
14 customs; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September
16 2019 as "Mushroom Month" in Pennsylvania in recognition of
17 Pennsylvania's thriving agriculture industry and encourage all
18 residents to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of the
19 mushroom industry to produce an abundant, profitable mushroom
20 crop recognized for superior quality and its significance to
21 this Commonwealth's economy.