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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 108 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY SAPPEY, HILL-EVANS, KHAN, MADDEN, T. DAVIS,  
HADDOCK, SANCHEZ, CIRESI, HOWARD, CERRATO, FLEMING, STRUZZI  
AND GAYDOS, MAY 17, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT, MAY 17, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the days of May 12 through 21, 2023, as "Go Public  
2 Gardens Days" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Go Public Gardens Days" is an ongoing, evergreen  
4 initiative led by the American Public Gardens Association and  
5 supported by its partnership with the Pennsylvania Public  
6 Horticulture Coalition to drive the public to visit, value and  
7 volunteer at public gardens in their area and when they travel;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The campaign brings a special focus from the Friday  
10 before to the Sunday after Mother's Day; and

11 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to more than 35 public  
12 gardens; and

13 WHEREAS, The greater Philadelphia area is known as "America's  
14 Garden Capital"; and

15 WHEREAS, Public gardens play a key role in two of this  
16 Commonwealth's leading industries: agriculture and tourism; and

17 WHEREAS, Public gardens support more than 2,000 full-time

1 employees in this Commonwealth, drive more than \$500 million  
2 into this Commonwealth's economy and support \$164 million in  
3 combined operating budgets; and

4 WHEREAS, Public gardens in this Commonwealth welcome a  
5 diverse visitor base of 4.2 million people annually, on par with  
6 many professional sports leagues; and

7 WHEREAS, An estimated one-third of all visitors are from  
8 outside of the State, bringing millions of dollars in visitor  
9 spending to this Commonwealth's communities and supporting our  
10 economy; and

11 WHEREAS, Public gardens and public horticulture institutions  
12 are vital to feeding humanity; and

13 WHEREAS, Public gardens bring together a variety of  
14 expertise, approaches and solutions that are essential for  
15 biodiversity in food and agriculture; and

16 WHEREAS, Public gardens and public horticulture institutions  
17 preserve thousands of acres of natural resources through  
18 conservation, restored forests, improved watersheds and healthy  
19 private working lands; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
21 days of May 12 through 21, 2023, as "Go Public Gardens Days" in  
22 Pennsylvania.