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4 *Whereas, Indiana's agribusiness employs more than 186,000*
5 *year-round workers and 94,000 seasonal and migrant*
6 *farmworkers who are key partners for the safety, security, and*
7 *sustainability of Indiana's food supply;*

8 *Whereas, The labor of Indiana's farmworkers contributes*
9 *billions of dollars annually to the state's economy, and*
10 *agriculture continues to be one of the principal industries in the*
11 *state;*

12 *Whereas, Indiana honors all those who plant, cultivate,*
13 *harvest, and process our agricultural products;*

14 *Whereas, Proteus, Inc. is an Iowa-based private, 501(c)(3)*
15 *nonprofit organization serving migrant and seasonal*
16 *farmworkers, immigrants, and others since 1979;*

17 *Whereas, In addition to offices in Iowa, Proteus, Inc. serves*
18 *a constituency in Indiana and Nebraska;*

19 *Whereas, Proteus, Inc. was created to help provide*
20 *communities with health, educational, and economic*
21 *opportunities;*

22 *Whereas, To achieve its goals, Proteus, Inc. strives to make*
23 *its programs accessible to as many members of the community*
24 *as possible; embraces diversity in staff, recipients of services,*



1 *program delivery, and in programs as a whole; develops a*
2 *culture of respect and acceptance in their organization and*
3 *general community; creates, evaluates, and maintains*
4 *programs to meet the changing needs of our communities; and*
5 *treats all people in an honest, caring, and respectful manner;*
6 *and*

7 *Whereas, The agricultural industry is strong throughout our*
8 *state, and the strength of the industry's workers continues to*
9 *keep it great: Therefore,*

10 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
11 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
12 *the Senate concurring:*

13 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes
14 March 25 through March 31 as "Farmworker and Farmer
15 Awareness Week" in 2023.

16 SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes
17 the efforts of Indiana's farmers and farmworkers, and their
18 many contributions to the agricultural industry in Indiana, and
19 recognizes Proteus, Inc. and its efforts to help bring a fair wage
20 and safe and secure working environments to all members of
21 Indiana's agricultural labor force.

22 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
23 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the
24 office of State Representative Maureen Bauer for distribution.

