
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 12, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 29, 2017, as "World Veterinary Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "World Veterinary Day" is globally celebrated to
4 highlight and promote the different facets of work performed by
5 veterinarians across the world and to raise awareness of their
6 contribution to improve animal health and welfare and public
7 health; and

8 WHEREAS, "World Veterinary Day" recognizes the vital role of
9 veterinarians and acknowledges the high respect for
10 veterinarians, their challenging work, long hours, educational
11 investments, dedication and compassion; and

12 WHEREAS, The World Veterinary Association and the World
13 Organization for Animal Health proclaimed the theme of 2017
14 "World Veterinary Day" as "Antimicrobial Resistance - From

1 Awareness to Action"; and

2 WHEREAS, All veterinary services and veterinary professionals
3 play a key part in supporting the fight against antimicrobial
4 resistance through their role in regulating and supervising the
5 use of antimicrobials, offering professional advice to farmers
6 and animal owners and collaborating with the human health
7 sector; and

8 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is uniquely positioned to reduce the
9 impact of antimicrobial resistance in animals and humans and to
10 address the needs of its residents in preventing health care-
11 associated infections in all health care settings because of the
12 critical resources enjoyed in this Commonwealth, such as the
13 Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission and the Pennsylvania
14 Animal Diagnostic Laboratory System; and

15 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to America's first veterinary
16 school, the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary
17 Medicine, established in Philadelphia in 1884, an institution
18 that continues to be a preeminent leader in veterinary research
19 and education; and

20 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the birthplace of organized
21 veterinary medicine; and

22 WHEREAS, Veterinarians must continue to make advancements in
23 disease control management, improve animal welfare and encourage
24 and achieve a sustainable change in behavior toward responsible
25 and prudent antimicrobial use; and

26 WHEREAS, The focus of Pennsylvania's veterinary community is
27 working with the Commonwealth and animal agriculture
28 stakeholders to address antimicrobial resistance concerns and
29 make necessary improvements; and

30 WHEREAS, "World Veterinary Day" was first organized in 2000

1 by the World Organization for Animal Health and the World
2 Veterinary Association; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
4 role of the veterinary profession in improving the health and
5 welfare of all animals in Pennsylvania, from companion animals
6 to production animals to wildlife, and the profession's
7 enhancement of public and environmental health throughout
8 Pennsylvania; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize April
10 29, 2017, as "World Veterinary Day" in Pennsylvania and join
11 other states and countries in celebrating "World Veterinary
12 Day."