## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 387 Session of 2017

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

## A RESOLUTION

Designating the week of June 19 through 25, 2017, as "Pollinator 1 Week" in Pennsylvania. 2 3 WHEREAS, Pollinator species such as birds and insects, including bees, are essential partners of farmers and ranchers 4 5 in producing much of our food supply; and 6 WHEREAS, Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our 7 national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and 8 wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources and recreational 9 opportunities as well as enhanced economic development 10 opportunities for communities; and 11 WHEREAS, Pollinator species, including bees, provide 12 significant environmental benefits that are necessary for 13 maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and 14 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has managed wildlife habitats and public lands, including forests and grasslands, for decades; and 15

1 WHEREAS, The Bee Law, which appears in Chapter 21 of Title 3 2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, and other laws and 3 regulations provide producers with conservation assistance to 4 promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection 5 and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working 6 lands and wildlands, and, through the Department of Agriculture, 7 register and regulate each apiary; and

8 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association works 9 with the Department of Agriculture to promote pollination, 10 beekeeping and the production of honey; and

11 WHEREAS, Among its activities, the association:

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(1) Produces a newsletter 10 times per year.

(2) Meets twice yearly to conduct business.

14 (3) Operates a booth at the Pennsylvania Farm Show and15 Ag Progress Days to promote honey and beekeeping.

16 (4) Maintains an education program to inspire new
17 beekeepers and to continue to investigate avenues to provide
18 information to more accomplished beekeepers.

19 (5) Supports Delaware Valley University and The
20 Pennsylvania State University in projects, staff and grant
21 requests that further research and continually promote
22 beekeeping.

(6) Operates the Honey Queen Program to promote honey and to provide beekeepers across this Commonwealth with a resource person to assist in promoting honey in local areas; and

27 WHEREAS, The Pollinator Partnership is a nonprofit 28 organization that protects the health of managed and native 29 pollinating animals vital to North American ecosystems and 30 agriculture; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Pollinator Partnership collaborates with 2 stakeholders who manage or influence landscapes to do a better 3 job of sharing the landscape with pollinators; and WHEREAS, The Pollinator Partnership's mission is to protect 4 pollinators critical to food and ecosystems through 5 conservation, education and research which includes "National 6 7 Pollinator Week," the North American Pollinator Protection 8 Campaign and ecoregional planting guides; therefore be it 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the week of June 19 through 25, 2017, as "Pollinator Week" in 10 11 Pennsylvania; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate the 13 Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association, Penn State 14 Cooperative Extension, Delaware Valley University and the 15 Department of Agriculture for their cooperative efforts to 16 promote pollination, beekeeping and the production of honey; and 17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the 19 efforts of the Pollinator Partnership to annually observe 20 "National Pollinator Week"; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Governor 22 to issue a proclamation urging all residents to recognize this 23 observance; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Department of Agriculture, the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association and the Pollinator Partnership.

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