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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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BAKER, FOLMER, GORDNER AND COSTA, DECEMBER 18, 2015

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of January 9 through 16, 2016, as  
2 "Pennsylvania Farm Show Week" in Pennsylvania in recognition  
3 of the *100th Pennsylvania Farm Show: Our Commonwealth's Blue*  
4 *Ribbon Experience*.

5 WHEREAS, Agriculture is the cornerstone of Pennsylvania's  
6 economy, with the National Agricultural Statistics Service  
7 reporting more than 59,000 farm families generating nearly \$8.3  
8 billion in cash receipts in 2014 from farms alone; and

9 WHEREAS, Farms are using new technologies and practices to  
10 increase efficiency, making it possible for each farmer to feed  
11 155 people while meeting the demands of an increasingly quality-  
12 conscious and environmentally conscious world; and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's farm families and agribusinesses lead  
14 the way in the production of agricultural commodities, including  
15 apples, chickens, Christmas trees, eggs, grapes, hardwoods,  
16 milk, mushrooms, oats, peaches, pears, pumpkins and trout, and  
17 farmers throughout this Commonwealth have established an  
18 outstanding reputation as leading suppliers of these quality

1 products throughout the world; and

2 WHEREAS, Many farms and other agribusinesses are members of  
3 PA Preferred', the official branding program of Pennsylvania's  
4 diverse agricultural commodities that helps farmers and  
5 processors market their products and helps consumers locate  
6 products made or grown in this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Many of this Commonwealth's agricultural families  
8 are preparing the way for their operations to remain viable in  
9 perpetuity by establishing new markets, preserving valuable  
10 farmland for future agricultural production, being good stewards  
11 of the land and engaging the next generation of  
12 agriculturalists; and

13 WHEREAS, The year 2016 marks the 100th Pennsylvania Farm  
14 Show, the nation's largest agricultural event, featuring 6,000  
15 animals, 10,000 competitive exhibits and 300 commercial  
16 exhibitors; and

17 WHEREAS, What began in 1917 as a three-day exhibition for  
18 farmers attending agricultural meetings has grown into a show  
19 for agriculturists from all walks of life and from communities  
20 of all sizes; and

21 WHEREAS, The exhibition has expanded its focus to educate  
22 more than a half-million visitors during an eight-day event  
23 about Pennsylvania's agriculture industry and to bridge the gap  
24 between farm and fork while continuing to showcase the best and  
25 newest products of farm, home and shop; and

26 WHEREAS, The *100th Pennsylvania Farm Show: "Our*  
27 *Commonwealth's Blue Ribbon Experience"* weaves together the  
28 collective experiences of Farm Show exhibitors, visitors and  
29 volunteers over the century, celebrating the progress made in  
30 agriculture and showcasing the bright future that is possible

1 through agriculture; and

2 WHEREAS, The 2016 Pennsylvania Farm Show continues the proud  
3 tradition started 100 years ago, as our Commonwealth's premier  
4 public showcase of our food, fiber and fuel system for all  
5 Pennsylvanians and as an investment in the cornerstone of our  
6 Commonwealth's economy and an integral component of its past,  
7 present and future; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of January 9  
9 through 16, 2016, as "Pennsylvania Farm Show Week" in  
10 Pennsylvania in recognition of the *100th Pennsylvania Farm Show:*  
11 *Our Commonwealth's Blue Ribbon Experience.*