## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 26, 2024

## A RESOLUTION

- Designating the week of April 28 through May 4, 2024, as "Conservation District Week" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, Conservation districts are local units of government
- 4 established under State law to carry out natural resource
- 5 management programs; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Conservation districts work with landowners and
- 7 local governments to help them manage and protect land and water
- 8 resources on private and public lands; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Conservation districts were created in this
- 10 Commonwealth in 1945 in response to the Dust Bowl of the 1930s
- 11 to improve soil and water conservation; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Each county has a conservation district, except for
- 13 Philadelphia; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Local municipalities rely on conservation district
- 15 staff to plan development in a way that conserves and protects
- 16 the local environment; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Conservation districts also work with many partners,

- 1 including government agencies, private organizations, businesses
- 2 and others to accomplish their mission of supporting and helping
- 3 landowners to conserve natural resources; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Conservation districts are each led by a volunteer
- 5 board of directors with farmers, public members and a member of
- 6 county government; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The board of directors identifies local conservation
- 8 needs, decides which programs and services to offer and develops
- 9 a strategic plan; therefore be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of April 28
- 11 through May 4, 2024, as "Conservation District Week" in
- 12 Pennsylvania.