
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY ROBINSON, HAYWOOD, CULVER, PHILLIPS-HILL, COMMITTA,
VOGEL, BREWSTER AND CAPPELLETTI, MAY 17, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MAY 17, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 10 through 19, 2024, as "Go Public Gardens Days"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Go Public Gardens Days" is an ongoing, evergreen
4 initiative led by the American Public Gardens Association and is
5 supported by its partnership with the Pennsylvania Public
6 Horticulture Coalition to encourage the public to visit, value
7 and volunteer at public gardens in an individual's area and when
8 they travel; and

9 WHEREAS, The campaign brings a special focus from the Friday
10 before Mother's Day to the Sunday after Mother's Day; and

11 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to more than 35 public
12 gardens; and

13 WHEREAS, The greater Philadelphia area is known as "America's
14 Garden Capital"; and

15 WHEREAS, Public gardens play a key role in two of this
16 Commonwealth's leading industries: agriculture and tourism; and

17 WHEREAS, Public gardens support more than 2,000 full-time
18 employees in this Commonwealth, drive more than \$500 million

1 into this Commonwealth's economy and support \$164 million in
2 combined operating budgets; and

3 WHEREAS, These gardens welcome a visitor base of 4.2 million
4 people annually, which is comparable to many professional sports
5 leagues; and

6 WHEREAS, An estimated one-third of all visitors are from
7 outside of this Commonwealth, bringing millions of dollars in
8 visitor spending to Pennsylvania communities and supporting our
9 Commonwealth's economy; and

10 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's public gardens and public
11 horticulture institutions are vital to feeding humanity; and

12 WHEREAS, Public gardens bring together diverse expertise,
13 approaches and solutions that are essential for biodiversity in
14 food and agriculture; and

15 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's public gardens and public
16 horticulture institutions preserve thousands of acres of natural
17 resources through conservation, restored forests, improved
18 watersheds and healthy private working lands; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize May 10 through 19, 2024,
20 as "Go Public Gardens Days" in Pennsylvania.