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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY SCHWANK, VOGEL, COSTA, STREET, HUGHES, K. WARD,  
DINNIMAN, FONTANA, BROOKS, FARNESE, BROWNE, BARTOLOTTA,  
BLAKE, FOLMER, MUTH, BREWSTER, KILLION, BAKER, PHILLIPS-HILL,  
AUMENT, HUTCHINSON AND MENSCH, MARCH 18, 2019

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MARCH 18, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of March 18 through 22, 2019, as  
2 "Pennsylvania Ag Literacy Week" and commending Pennsylvania  
3 Friends of Agriculture Foundation, originator of this  
4 observance, and Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, its sponsor.

5 WHEREAS, Farming and other agricultural operations are  
6 carried out in each county of this Commonwealth, where more than  
7 58,000 farms of various sizes produce commodities; and

8 WHEREAS, An annual economic impact of \$135.7 billion is  
9 attributable to the State agricultural industry; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation has  
11 been Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's charitable organization since  
12 1986; and

13 WHEREAS, The foundation has preserved and promoted  
14 agriculture by highlighting its value as our largest industry,  
15 its sources and diverse systems and its role in our daily lives;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The foundation has developed Educator's Ag  
18 Institute, Mobile Ag Education Science Lab Program, Ag on the Go

1 Program and Positively 4 Kids! for teachers and elementary and  
2 middle school students who may have no other exposure to  
3 agriculture; and

4 WHEREAS, The foundation provides scholarships and  
5 agriculture-related career services for postsecondary students;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The foundation further provides continuing education  
8 for teachers through training on agricultural commodities and  
9 concepts; and

10 WHEREAS, The book *Right This Very Minute; A Table-to-Farm*  
11 *Book About Food and Farming*, connecting the work of farmers with  
12 our quality of life and the foods we eat, is the focus of 2019  
13 "Pennsylvania Ag Literacy Week" activities in classrooms  
14 Statewide; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of March 18  
16 through 22, 2019, as "Pennsylvania Ag Literacy Week"; and be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend Pennsylvania Friends of  
19 Agriculture Foundation and its sponsoring organization,  
20 Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, for engaging teachers and students in  
21 agricultural interests and supporting agricultural practices and  
22 production in this Commonwealth.