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1           A    CONCURRENT   RESOLUTION   recognizing  
2    "Farmworker and Farmer Awareness Week" and the work of  
3    Proteus, Inc.

4           *Whereas, Indiana's agribusiness industry employs more than*  
5    *186,000 year-round, seasonal, and migrant farmworkers and*  
6    *94,000 farmers who are key partners for the safety, security,*  
7    *and sustainability of Indiana's food supply;*

8           *Whereas, The labor of Indiana's farmworkers contributes*  
9    *billions of dollars annually to the state's economy, and*  
10   *agriculture continues to be one of the principal industries in the*  
11   *state;*

12           *Whereas, Indiana honors all those who plant, cultivate,*  
13    *harvest, and process our agricultural products;*

14           *Whereas, Proteus, Inc., is an Iowa-based private, 501(c)(3)*  
15    *nonprofit organization serving migrant and seasonal*  
16    *farmworkers, immigrants, and others since 1979;*

17           *Whereas, In addition to offices in Iowa, Proteus, Inc., serves*  
18    *a constituency in Indiana and Nebraska;*

19           *Whereas, Proteus, Inc., was created to help provide*  
20    *communities with health, educational, and economic*  
21    *opportunities;*

22           *Whereas, To achieve its goals, Proteus, Inc., strives to make*  
23    *its programs accessible to as many members of the community*  
24    *as possible; embraces diversity in staff, recipients of services,*



1     *program delivery, and in programs as a whole; develops a*  
2     *culture of respect and acceptance in its organization and*  
3     *general community; creates, evaluates, and maintains*  
4     *programs to meet the changing needs of the community; and*  
5     *treats all people in an honest, caring, and respectful manner;*  
6     *and*

7             *Whereas, The agricultural industry is strong throughout our*  
8     *state, and the strength of the industry's workers continues to*  
9     *keep it great: Therefore,*

10                     *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*  
11                     *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*  
12                     *the Senate concurring:*

13             SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes  
14     March 25 through March 31 as "Farmworker and Farmer  
15     Awareness Week" in 2024.

16             SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes:  
17     the efforts of Indiana's farmers and farmworkers, and their  
18     many contributions to the agricultural industry in Indiana; and  
19     Proteus, Inc., and its efforts to help bring a fair wage and safe  
20     and secure working environments to all members of Indiana's  
21     agricultural labor force.

22             SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
23     Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the  
24     office of State Representative Maureen Bauer for distribution.

