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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1090 Session of  
2020

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INTRODUCED BY INNAMORATO, ROTHMAN, GALLOWAY, LEE, HILL-EVANS,  
CALTAGIRONE, LONGIETTI, WILLIAMS, MADDEN, DAVANZO, SCHMITT,  
KINSEY, GREEN AND DRISCOLL, NOVEMBER 16, 2020

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
NOVEMBER 16, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2020 as "Employee Ownership  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 2018, there were more than 6,000 employee-owned  
4 companies in the United States, employing more than 14 million  
5 workers; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to more than 250 employee-owned  
7 companies, employing more than 100,000 hardworking women and  
8 men; and

9 WHEREAS, Since 2014, approximately 200 companies per year  
10 have become employee owned; and

11 WHEREAS, The majority of employee-owned companies are owned  
12 through stock ownership, empowering employees and allowing them  
13 to receive greater benefits when the company succeeds; and

14 WHEREAS, Employee cooperatives, another form of employee  
15 ownership, are less common with just under 400 companies, but  
16 provide more power to employees allowing them full control on  
17 major decisions with a one-voice, one-vote system; and

1       WHEREAS, When employees own the business, they can create a  
2 work environment with jobs that offer competitive wages and  
3 benefits and a chance to retire so that everyone can have a  
4 brighter future; and

5       WHEREAS, The General Assembly needs to provide the tools and  
6 opportunities for more companies to transition to employee  
7 ownership or create new businesses under an employee-owned  
8 model; and

9       WHEREAS, The success of employee-owned companies deserves to  
10 be recognized and these businesses should be congratulated for  
11 putting their workers first; therefore be it

12       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
13 month of October 2020 as "Employee Ownership Month" in  
14 Pennsylvania.