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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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PASHINSKI, MOUL AND PICKETT, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2023 as "Wine, Wineries and  
2 Grapes Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania growers produce many of the finest food  
4 products available worldwide; and

5 WHEREAS, Today, the growth of Pennsylvania grapes occurs  
6 thanks to the tireless efforts of generations of Pennsylvanians  
7 who played instrumental roles in the founding of this nation's  
8 great wine industry; and

9 WHEREAS, The nation's first commercial grapevine nursery  
10 operated in Montgomery County in southeastern Pennsylvania; and

11 WHEREAS, With more than 270 wineries in this Commonwealth,  
12 Pennsylvania ranks seventh in the nation for the number of  
13 wineries and fourth for the amount of wine produced; and

14 WHEREAS, Our wineries, grapes and grape juice provide an  
15 annual 1.5-billion-dollar economic impact to this Commonwealth;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Since 2010, Commonwealth wineries boasted more than

1 100 award-winning entries in several national and international  
2 wine competitions; and

3 WHEREAS, In light of the many successes, the Pennsylvania  
4 Winery Association is proud to celebrate the industry during  
5 October's "Pennsylvania Wine Month"; and

6 WHEREAS, This October, wine lovers can revel in the year's  
7 bountiful harvest as many of the wineries and trails throughout  
8 this Commonwealth are offering harvest events and celebrations;  
9 therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
11 month of October 2023 as "Wine, Wineries and Grapes Month" in  
12 Pennsylvania; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
14 significant and invaluable contributions made by the grape  
15 industry and the wine industry to this Commonwealth's history,  
16 economy and quality of life; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the  
18 residents of this Commonwealth to celebrate "Wine, Wineries and  
19 Grapes Month" by enjoying the many grape products offered by  
20 Pennsylvania growers and responsibly partaking in favored  
21 Pennsylvania wine products, all while engaging in the  
22 festivities and gaining awareness of the services and products  
23 offered by Pennsylvania wineries throughout all seasons of the  
24 year.