

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY VOGEL, MARTIN, LANGERHOLC, DUSH, DiSANTO, HUGHES, ROTHMAN, BROOKS, COSTA, PHILLIPS-HILL, PENNYCUICK, ARGALL, DILLON, BROWN, LAUGHLIN, J. WARD, CAPPELLETTI, SCHWANK, KANE, HUTCHINSON AND MASTRIANO, MARCH 11, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MARCH 11, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of February 17 through 24, 2024, as "FFA
2 Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Future Farmers of America, now the National FFA
4 Organization (FFA), has grown from its agricultural beginnings
5 into a broad-spectrum leadership incubator; and

6 WHEREAS, The FFA creed expresses belief in the future of
7 agriculture with the following portion of its creed: "with a
8 faith born not of words but of deeds"; and

9 WHEREAS, In accordance with the FFA motto, members serve
10 their chapter, community and country by cultivating friendships
11 and planting new ideas and seeds of hope wherever they go:

12 "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living
13 to Serve";

14 and

15 WHEREAS, FFA in the 21st century welcomes young women and
16 young men with diverse backgrounds, and FFA membership has
17 reached an all-time record high; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 945,000 FFA members from 50 states, the
2 U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico are learning to be
3 successful leaders in agriculture, agribusiness, agriscience and
4 other fields; and

5 WHEREAS, Many FFA members live far from working farms but
6 have an interest in related disciplines, including food science,
7 turf management and horticulture; and

8 WHEREAS, FFA members who live in rural farm areas now
9 represent 27% of the national organization; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 15,000 students enrolled in agricultural
11 education classes across this Commonwealth continue to wear the
12 traditional blue corduroy jacket which distinguishes FFA
13 members; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania FFA is led by seven State Officers who
15 defer college and career for one year to advocate for
16 agriculture, agricultural education and FFA; and

17 WHEREAS, Crystal Bomgardner of Lebanon County presides as the
18 State FFA President; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of February 17
20 through 24, 2024, as "FFA Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate congratulate the members, advisers
23 and parents involved with this exemplary youth organization.