
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY COMITTA, KANE, DUSH, FONTANA, VOGEL, HUTCHINSON,
SAVAL, DILLON, L. WILLIAMS AND CAPPELLETTI, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2024 as "Mushroom Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, American mushroom farming began on a farm in Chester
4 County, now recognized as the "Mushroom Capital of the World";
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a growing and productive mushroom
7 agribusiness in many parts of this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Thanks to its 68 mushroom farms, Pennsylvania leads
9 the nation in mushroom production; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania growers produced more than 500 million
11 pounds of mushrooms in the last growing season with an estimated
12 value of \$570.48 million; and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's mushroom farms are family owned and
14 operated, some for as many as four generations; and

15 WHEREAS, Mushrooms are one of the most difficult commodities
16 to grow due to the intensive labor required to produce a
17 consistent, high-quality crop; and

18 WHEREAS, Modern mushroom farms are highly technical

1 operations that utilize computerized systems to monitor
2 production and safety; and

3 WHEREAS, Mushroom growers carefully prepare compost, generate
4 an indoor pasteurization process, control temperature and
5 humidity and harvest their crop, thanks to advancements in
6 technology; and

7 WHEREAS, The mushroom industry contributes to the
8 preservation of this Commonwealth's agricultural customs and
9 traditions; and

10 WHEREAS, The success of the mushroom industry contributes
11 greatly to the economies of Chester County and this Commonwealth
12 while preserving this Commonwealth's agricultural traditions and
13 customs; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September
15 2024 as "Mushroom Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize Pennsylvania's thriving
17 agriculture industry and encourage all residents to acknowledge
18 and celebrate the achievements of the mushroom industry to
19 produce an abundant, profitable mushroom crop recognized for
20 superior quality and its significance to this Commonwealth's
21 economy.