
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 443 Session of
2003

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GOODMAN, KELLER, ROBERTS, WILLIAMS, PALLONE AND S. MILLER,
OCTOBER 7, 2003

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 7, 2003

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2003 as "Pennsylvania Wine
2 Month."

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania growers produce many of the finest
4 fruit products available in the world; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania was the home of the first winery in the
6 American colonies; and

7 WHEREAS, The nation's first commercial grapevine nursery was
8 in Montgomery County; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's moderate climate and rolling terrain
10 provide some of the best growing conditions on the East Coast;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to two vineyards with the

1 highest elevations east of the Rocky Mountains; and

2 WHEREAS, More than 70 Pennsylvania wineries produce a
3 delightful array of wine varieties, perhaps more than any other
4 wine region; and

5 WHEREAS, The roster of award-winning Pennsylvania varietals
6 includes Cabernet Sauvignon, Catawba, Cayuga, Chambourcin,
7 Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Reisling,
8 Seyval blanc, Vidal blanc and Vignole; and

9 WHEREAS, Family-owned agricultural operations create unique
10 offerings of wine and have developed a special brand of
11 hospitality; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania produces in excess of 12,000 tons of
13 wine grapes, contributing to the State economy by more than
14 \$50,000,000 annually; and

15 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania ranks 8th in the country for the
16 production of wine; and

17 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania wineries are growing as tourist
18 destinations, with 900,000 visitors per year; and

19 WHEREAS, October is an important month of harvest for
20 Pennsylvania wine grape growers and an ideal time to recognize
21 vineyards and wineries for their contributions to the economy
22 and quality of life in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, in recognition
24 of the significant and invaluable contributions of the wine and
25 wine grape community to our history, our economy and our quality
26 of life, designate the month of October 2003 as "Pennsylvania
27 Wine Month."