A RESOLUTION

- Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Hershey's Chocolate World and designating June 30, 2023, as "Hershey's Chocolate World
- 3 Day" in Pennsylvania.
- 4 WHEREAS, The Hershey Company is headquartered in Hershey and
- 5 is an industry-leading snacks company known for bringing
- 6 goodness to the world through its iconic brands, remarkable
- 7 people and enduring commitment to helping children succeed; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The Hershey Company ranks first in United States
- 9 confection and second in United States snacking; and
- 10 WHEREAS, The Hershey Company's iconic sweet and salty snack
- 11 brands, including Hershey's Kisses, Hershey's Milk Chocolate,
- 12 Reese's, Twizzlers, Kit Kat, SkinnyPop, Pirate's Booty and Dot's
- 13 Pretzels, generate more than \$10 billion in annual revenue; and
- 14 WHEREAS, The Hershey Company directly employs more than 6,500
- 15 Pennsylvanians throughout this Commonwealth, with family-
- 16 sustaining jobs in manufacturing and distribution and at the
- 17 Corporate Headquarters located in Hershey in Dauphin County,
- 18 Hazleton in Luzerne County and Lancaster in Lancaster County;

- 1 and
- 2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's agriculture industry is critical to
- 3 the production of Hershey's iconic milk chocolate products; and
- WHEREAS, The month of June is Dairy Month, and The Hershey
- 5 Company is one of the last large-scale chocolate manufacturers
- 6 to utilize local, farm-fresh milk to produce its iconic milk
- 7 chocolate, sourcing fresh fluid milk from a 100-mile radius of
- 8 Hershey and using approximately 4% of the total fluid milk
- 9 produced in this Commonwealth; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Hershey's Chocolate World was founded on June 30,
- 11 1973, to delight the public through the behind-the-scenes
- 12 celebration of making The Hershey Company's world famous
- 13 chocolate and confections; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Hershey's Chocolate World employs 600 people and is
- 15 the world's most visited factory experience; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Hershey's Chocolate World generates more than \$200
- 17 million in annual tourism revenue and economic development in
- 18 Dauphin County; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Hershey's Chocolate World attracts more than 3.2
- 20 million visitors to the Hershey and Central Pennsylvania region
- 21 each year and has hosted more than 117 million visitors; and
- 22 WHEREAS, Hershey's Chocolate World is home to the largest
- 23 Hershey's candy store in the world; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Hershey's Chocolate World continues to celebrate The
- 25 Hershey Company's commitment to quality products, food safety
- 26 and the manufacturing jobs that make "The Great American
- 27 Chocolate Bar"; therefore be it
- 28 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the 50th anniversary of
- 29 Hershey's Chocolate World and designate June 30, 2023, as
- 30 "Hershey's Chocolate World Day" in Pennsylvania.