

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating August 2009 as "Pennsylvania Produce Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's vegetable industry generates more  
4 than \$185 million in revenue to the economy of this  
5 Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Four thousand three hundred farm families manage  
7 about 55,000 acres which produce more than 330,000 tons of  
8 vegetables for fresh and processing use; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's vegetable growers rank third in the  
10 nation for the production of pumpkins, sixth in processing snap  
11 beans, seventh in cantaloupes and fresh market sweet corn and  
12 eighth in fresh market tomatoes and processing sweet corn; and

13 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania vegetables are not only "Simply  
14 Delicious" but also "Simply Nutritious," and they provide  
15 important vitamins, fiber and other dietary components that are  
16 essential to a healthy, balanced diet; and

17 WHEREAS, Health authorities have long encouraged increased  
18 consumption of vegetables for both nutritional and disease  
19 prevention purposes; and

1     WHEREAS, Fresh Pennsylvania vegetables are available in  
2 abundant supply and peak quality at community farmers' markets,  
3 roadside farm markets and supermarkets throughout this  
4 Commonwealth during the month of August; and

5     WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's vegetable industry is committed to  
6 using integrated pest management and other good agricultural  
7 practices to produce, in an environmentally sound manner,  
8 vegetables and vegetable products that are both nutritious and  
9 safe; therefore be it

10     RESOLVED, That the Senate designate August 2009 as  
11 "Pennsylvania Produce Month" in Pennsylvania and urge all  
12 citizens to enjoy this Commonwealth's abundant supply of fresh  
13 and processed vegetable products.