
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY ALLOWAY, DINNIMAN, SABATINA, TEPLITZ, YAW,
FONTANA, BREWSTER, BROWNE, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, KITCHEN,
MENSCH, YUDICHAK, GORDNER, BAKER, WHITE, VOGEL AND WARD,
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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, NOVEMBER 18, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the "Hunters Sharing the Harvest" program in
2 Pennsylvania and encouraging participation by Pennsylvania's
3 licensed hunters.

4 WHEREAS, Since 1991, the Pennsylvania "Hunters Sharing the
5 Harvest" program, www.sharedeer.org, has effectively brought the
6 hunting public together to compassionately serve their
7 communities and has been providing venison to regional food bank
8 systems to benefit needy residents throughout this Commonwealth;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The overabundance of deer in certain regions of this
11 Commonwealth has impacted our agricultural community, forest
12 industry, natural biodiversity and overall quality of life and
13 safety for many residents; and

14 WHEREAS, For nearly 25 years this unique program has provided
15 an annual average of more than 85,000 pounds of this nutritious,
16 high-protein meat to residents needing food assistance through
17 local area food banks, and now is calling on all Pennsylvanians

1 to assist in this program; and

2 WHEREAS, Further assistance is needed to provide funds to
3 offset the processing costs for venison and further extend
4 delivery systems to more quickly and efficiently reach needy
5 recipients; and

6 WHEREAS, The General Assembly, the Pennsylvania Game
7 Commission, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of
8 Conservation and Natural Resources have supported these efforts
9 and now join with more than 62 corporate and organizational
10 program partners, including Safari Club International,
11 Pennsylvania Chapters, Friends of National Rifle Association,
12 Pennsylvania Association of Regional Food Banks and Pennsylvania
13 Association of Meat Processors in encouraging hunters to share
14 their harvest through Pennsylvania's "Hunters Sharing the
15 Harvest" program; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage the residents of this
17 Commonwealth and especially individuals and groups that are most
18 concerned in supporting "Hunters Sharing the Harvest" in
19 Pennsylvania and extend its appreciation to the program's public
20 partners for joining in this challenge to distribute this
21 valuable component of our wildlife resources and fight hunger;
22 and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage the Department of
24 Agriculture and others to continue providing information via
25 Internet websites and other means about donating big game and
26 other lawfully taken wildlife via "Hunters Sharing the Harvest"
27 to food banks, county and local government, municipalities,
28 sportsman's clubs and meat processors throughout this
29 Commonwealth and other individuals, nonprofit agencies,
30 charitable organizations and businesses requesting this

1 information.