



The House of Representatives

Citation

Whereas, *The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania is recognizing the week of April 23 through 29, 2023, as Conservation District Week in this Commonwealth; and*

Whereas, *Conservation districts are local units of government established under State law to carry out natural resource management programs. They work with landowners and local governments to help them manage and protect land and water resources on private and public lands. Conservation districts were created in Pennsylvania in 1945 in response to the Dust Bowl of the 1930s to improve soil and water conservation. Each county in this Commonwealth has a conservation district, except for Philadelphia County. Local municipalities rely on conservation district staff to plan development in a way that conserves and protects the local environment; and*

Whereas, *Conservation districts also work with many partners, including government agencies, private organizations, businesses and others, to accomplish their mission of helping landowners to conserve natural resources. The districts are each led by a volunteer board of directors with farmers, public members and a member of county government, which identifies local conservation needs, decides which programs and services to offer and develops a strategic plan.*

Now therefore, *the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania joins with all residents in celebrating Conservation District Week; recognizes the great work accomplished by the sixty-six conservation districts of Pennsylvania and the role they play in the development and conservation efforts of this Commonwealth;*

And directs *that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable Eddie Day Pashinski, be presented in recognition of Conservation District Week.*

Eddie Day Pashinski, Sponsor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joanna E. McClinton".

Joanna E. McClinton, Speaker of the House

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brooke Wheeler".

Brooke Wheeler, Chief Clerk of the House