**Proclamation**

**Conservation District Week 2025**

**Whereas,** conservation districts are local units of government established under state law to carry out natural resource management programs; and

**Whereas,** conservation districts work with landowners and local governments to help them manage and protect land and water resources on private and public lands; and

**Whereas,** conservation districts were created in PA in 1945 to improve soil and water conservation in response to the dust bowl of the 1930’s; and

**Whereas,** each county in PA has a conservation district except for Philadelphia; and

**Whereas,** local municipalities rely on conservation district staff to plan development in a way that conserves and protects the local environment; and

**Whereas,** districts work in partnership with government agencies, private organizations, businesses, and others on the local, state, and federal level to accomplish their mission of helping landowners conserve natural resources; and

**Whereas,** each district is led by a volunteer board of directors made up of 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; therefore be it

**Resolved,** that we, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 20-26, 2025, as Conservation District Week to commemorate the valuable work accomplished by Pennsylvania’s 66 Conservation Districts.