

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, maple syrup is an unrefined, single ingredient natural sweetener, packed with antioxidants, minerals, and vitamins; and

WHEREAS, the beginnings of making maple sugar in Pennsylvania dates to the past indigenous people of Pennsylvania, the state's earliest inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, for over three hundred years, residents of Pennsylvania have been making maple syrup and maple sugar on the farm and woodlots across the state; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is the backbone of Pennsylvania's economy and production of maple syrup is a vital part of this industry, with 388 registered, inspected sugaring operations existing in the state of Pennsylvania, creating the tastiest pure maple syrup known to mankind; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania-based researchers helped develop and test reverse osmosis equipment for concentrating maple sap, introducing technology that has completely transformed the maple syrup industry; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is routinely one of the largest producers of pure maple syrup in the United States averaging more than 150,000 gallons of syrup produced annually; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania maple syrup is a natural, delicious, and sustainable choice that is enjoyed in countless different ways by adults and children alike across the Commonwealth.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim December 17, 2024, to be

PENNSYLVANIA MAPLE SYRUP DAY

in recognition of the immense positive impact maple syrup has to Pennsylvania's economy, and I encourage all Pennsylvanians to enjoy this delicious syrup.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twenty-fifth day of November two thousand twenty-four, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-ninth.

Governor Josh Shapiro