

1           A RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of National Farm Safety and Health  
2 Week.

3           WHEREAS, each member of this Honorable Body realizes how important the on-  
4 farm production of food, fiber, and fuel is in our communities and the nation as a whole;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, as Kentucky's many farmers and farm families anticipate another  
7 growing season, it is important to focus attention on the many dangers inherent in the  
8 industry of agriculture; and

9           WHEREAS, according to the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety,  
10 farming is one of the most hazardous industries in the United States; and

11           WHEREAS, agriculture-related incidents have resulted in an annual death rate of  
12 21.3 per 100,000 self-employed and hired workers; and

13           WHEREAS, every day, about 100 agricultural workers in the United States suffer  
14 lost-worktime injuries, some of them debilitating; and

15           WHEREAS, we know that farm work is physically demanding and potentially  
16 dangerous; and

17           WHEREAS, many of us are aware that traffic accidents involving farm equipment  
18 on roadways account for countless numbers of injuries and deaths; and

19           WHEREAS, the Kentucky State Police reports that in 2017, there were 189  
20 collisions involving farm equipment on state roadways, resulting in six highway deaths;  
21 and

22           WHEREAS, thousands of agriculture-related injuries and deaths are the outgrowth  
23 of accidents involving our farm youth; and

24           WHEREAS, traditionally the third week of September is set aside for National  
25 Farm Safety and Health Week, which spotlights farm safety and health; and

26           WHEREAS, as the week of September 15 to 21 approaches, this Body reaffirms its  
27 support of the agricultural industry in Kentucky and commends the dedication of all those

1 public agencies, organizations, and businesses that contribute to making our farms and  
2 farm activities safer;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

4 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
5 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

6 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives reaffirms its support of farmers and farm  
7 families and their safety and well-being, and the many public agencies, organizations, and  
8 businesses involved in farm safety education and training.

9 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives recognizes National Farm Safety and  
10 Health Week, September 15 to 21.