

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK

February 16-22, 2020

WHEREAS, agriculture is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's leading economic driver, generating over \$135 billion a year; and

WHEREAS, the agriculture and food industry includes food production, food processing, and food distribution, as well as the forest and wood industry, horticulture, and animal health services; and

WHEREAS, grain production, handling, and transportation is a significant industry in the commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the safety of farm and agriculture workers is of utmost importance to the commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, due to an increased effort in training and public awareness, deaths from grain bin entrapment have decreased; and

WHEREAS, through education and awareness, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania industry leaders and agricultural professionals hope to reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage; and

WHEREAS, GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK is an annual observance that occurs the third full week of February to promote grain bin safety on farms and commercial grain-handling facilities and create a safer work environment.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim February 16-22, 2020, GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK. I call on citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recognize the need for safety measures in this industry.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this eighth day of January two thousand and twenty, and of the commonwealth the two