



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**CHESAPEAKE BAY AWARENESS WEEK**  
**June 4-10, 2017**

*WHEREAS, spanning across six states and stretching over 200 miles long, the Chesapeake Bay is the largest estuary in the United States and the third largest in the world; and*

*WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Bay area is home to more than 17 million people, many of whom rely upon the bay for their livelihood; and*

*WHEREAS, the bay contains more than 3,600 species of plants and animals, supports more than 348 types of finfish and 173 species of shellfish, and provides more than 500 million pounds of seafood each year; and*

*WHEREAS, 50 major tributaries feed the Chesapeake Bay, the largest being the Susquehanna River which provides fifty percent of the freshwater to the bay; and*

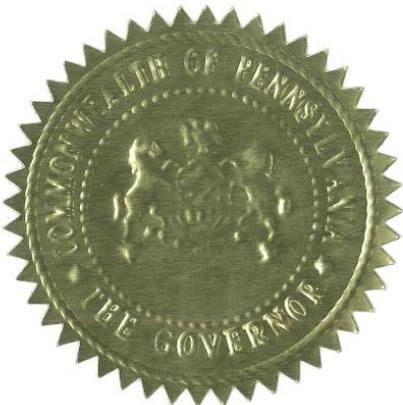
*WHEREAS, the Chesapeake Bay's tributaries in this commonwealth are an important source for drinking water and recreational activities; and*

*WHEREAS, the productivity of the commonwealth's farms and industries is directly correlated with the health of our watersheds and environment, and the Chesapeake Bay plays a vital role in that equation; and*

*WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources are committed to protecting and maintaining our vital drinking sources and protecting our environment; and*

*WHEREAS the rich history, essential economic importance, and astounding beauty the Chesapeake Bay offers never cease to amaze residents and visitors alike.*

*THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 4-10, 2017, as CHESAPEAKE BAY AWARENESS WEEK. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to join in this observance to acknowledge the significant role the Chesapeake Bay offers to the vast residents it impacts and to join efforts to preserve this bay for future generations.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this seventh day of June two thousand seventeen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-first.*

*Tom Wolf*

**TOM WOLF**  
Governor