

AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Resolution #1 – Farm Permits Fleetwood Grange #1839, Berks County

WHEREAS, farms seeking permitting for agriculture building improvements and best management projects to improve environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, permitting of such projects must go through DEP, and in doing so have endured frustrating delays and bottlenecks. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that DEP transfer its permitting authority for farm projects to the State Conservation Commission (SCC); and be it further

RESOLVED, that both DEP and the Department of Agriculture oversee the SCC, therefore have the expertise within its staff of both the environmental laws and agricultural practices; and be it further

RESOLVED, since the SCC is already responsible for on farm inspections and enforcement on behalf of the DEP, it is a more logical place for agricultural permit application reviews. Therefore, hopefully cutting time for permitting!

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1 **Resolution #2 – Farm Permits**
 2 **Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

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 4 **WHEREAS**, farms seeking permitting for agriculture building improvements and best
 5 management projects to improve environmental quality, and
 6 **WHEREAS**, permitting of such projects must go through Department of Environmental
 7 Protection (DEP), and in doing so have endured frustrating delays and bottlenecks, and
 8 **WHEREAS**, both DEP and the Department of Agriculture oversee the State Conservation
 9 Commission (SCC), and therefore have the expertise within its staff of both the
 10 environmental laws and agricultural practices, and
 11 **WHEREAS**, the SCC is already responsible for on-farm inspections and enforcement on
 12 behalf of the DEP, it is a more logical place for agricultural permit application reviews,
 13 therefore cutting time for permitting. Therefore, be it
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 15 **RESOLVED**, that Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) transfer its permitting
 16 authority for farm projects to the State Conservation Commission (SCC).

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 20 **Resolution #3 – Urban Agriculture**
 21 **Cumberland Valley Grange #2104, Cumberland County**

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 23 **WHEREAS**, some urban areas of Pennsylvania have what are called “food deserts”
 24 where there is a limited access to fresh food products because of a shortage of food
 25 markets offering such products, and
 26 **WHEREAS**, these same neighborhoods suffer from poverty, lack of economic
 27 opportunity and often a loss of the sense of community empowerment, and
 28 **WHEREAS**, growing vegetables and other crops in an urban neighborhood setting help
 29 restore a sense of neighborhood and community as well as supplying locally grown
 30 healthy foods for urban consumption. Therefore, be it
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 32 **RESOLVED**, that the Pennsylvania State Grange support legislative and regulatory
 33 efforts to make fresh agriculture products available to “food desert” urban areas by
 34 encouraging the development of urban food gardens and working to overcome legal
 35 obstacles that may prevent the growth of urban agriculture.

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1 **Resolution #4 — Disposal of Dead Deer**
 2 **Venango County Pomona Grange #57**

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 4 **WHEREAS**, thousands of deer are killed on Pennsylvania Highways each year; and
 5 **WHEREAS**, many of the dead deer on our state and interstate highways are not picked
 6 up and properly disposed of; and
 7 **WHEREAS**, dead, decaying deer create a very poor image of Pennsylvania; and
 8 **WHEREAS**, dead deer can be a hazard to motorists; and
 9 **WHEREAS**, dead deer can emit a very unpleasant odor; and
 10 **WHEREAS**, it has been noted that Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
 11 sometimes leaves the dead deer lay where killed and dumps bags of lime on the dead
 12 deer instead of removing them; and
 13 **WHEREAS**, the deer lay there until decayed; and
 14 **WHEREAS**, the lime kills the vegetation or lawn; and
 15 **WHEREAS**, there are very explicit laws governing disposal of dead domestic animals.
 16 Therefore be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Grange support legislation detailing how dead deer are disposed of
 18 on Pennsylvania state and interstate highways, who is responsible for removal and a
 19 timeline for removal.
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 24 **Resolution #5 — Creeks and Streams**
 25 **Bradford-Sullivan County Pomona Grange #23**

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 27 **WHEREAS**, the creeks and streams are getting wider due to sediment and the
 28 environment; and
 29 **WHEREAS**, the permits are too vague and discourages landowners from cleaning the
 30 creeks and streams. Therefore be it

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 32 **RESOLVED** that the state agency involved let the landowners clean the creeks and
 33 streams without a permit.
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1 **Resolution #6 – Opposition to House Bill 107**
 2 **Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

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 4 **WHEREAS**, Representative Godshall has introduced HB 107 of 2017, it is being
 5 considered that a 2.5% fee will be applied to current natural gas customers; and
 6 **WHEREAS**, the fee being collected will be used to run new gas lines in areas that gas
 7 utilities don't feel are economically feasible at this time; and
 8 **WHEREAS**, the current gas companies need to replace current gas lines due to gas
 9 leaks because of corroding gas lines before adding new gas lines; and
 10 **WHEREAS**, this will eliminate competition, such as oil and propane, thus not allowing
 11 the free market to work. Therefore be it

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 13 **RESOLVED**, that Berks County Grange #43 opposes HB 107 of 2017, due to the fact
 14 that the Pennsylvania state legislature is trying to create a monopoly for the natural gas
 15 industry.

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 19 **Resolution #7 – Grain Brokers**
 20 **Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

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 22 **WHEREAS**, grain farmers/producers in Pennsylvania labor long and hard hours as well
 23 as spend funds to produce quality grain; and
 24 **WHEREAS**, these grain farmers/producers rely on grain brokers to purchase their grain
 25 and sell it to others; and
 26 **WHEREAS**, in Pennsylvania, grain brokers are not required to provide any
 27 indemnification coverage; and
 28 **WHEREAS**, if a grain broker fails, farmers/producers do not get paid for the grain and
 29 they do not get their grain back. Therefore be it

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 31 **RESOLVED**, a grain broker shall provide bonding to offer security for the grain
 32 farmers/producers to receive payments; and be it further

33 **RESOLVED**, Berks County Grange #43 supports any type of legislation introduced for
 34 providing payments to grain farmers/producers.

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1 **Resolution #8 – Milk**
2 **Bradford-Sullivan County Pomona Grange #23**

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4 **WHEREAS**, the definition of milk is an opaque white or bluish liquid secreted by the
5 mammary glands of female mammals serving for the nourishment of their young and in
6 the case of the cow and some other animals used for food or a source of dairy products;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, the US Food and Drug Administration has neglected to enforce its own food
9 standards; and

10 **WHEREAS**, this has allowed the marketing of hundreds of deceptively labeled dairy
11 imitations; and

12 **WHEREAS**, these imitations have been proven to be far short of the nutrients of milk
13 provided by mammals; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Food and Drug Administration’s standards of identity stipulated that
15 products labeled as “milk” must come from lactating mammals; and

16 **WHEREAS**, it is known that Canada, the United Kingdom, and the European Union
17 actively police improper labeling in imitation dairy products. Therefore be it

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19 **RESOLVED**, the US Food and Drug Administration should immediately enforce their
20 standards and forbid the use of the word “milk” to appear on any milk product or cheese
21 package that is not real milk as supplied by mammals that produce this real product.

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1 **Resolution #9 – Definition of Milk**
2 **Harveys-Aleppo Grange #1444, Greene County**

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4 **WHEREAS**, as a noun, milk is defined as the pale liquid produced by the mammary
5 glands of mature mammals who have given birth; and
6 **WHEREAS**, milk contains proteins, fats, lactose, colostrum, vitamins, and minerals
7 essential to the nourishment of their young; and
8 **WHEREAS**, milk and its antibodies are the primary source of nutrition for infant
9 mammals, and its antibodies help reduce the risk of diseases; and
10 **WHEREAS**, milk from cows, goats, and other mammals is used as food by humans; and
11 **WHEREAS**, liquids from various plant sources are now being marketed and referred to
12 as milk; and
13 **WHEREAS**, these plant based liquids cannot provide the same nutrients and antibodies
14 mammal-produced milk; and
15 **WHEREAS**, it is a misrepresentation to refer to plant-based liquids as “milk” simply
16 because their appearance resembles milk. Therefore be it
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18 **RESOLVED**, that only mammal-sourced liquids be permitted to be marketed as “MILK”.

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1 **Resolution #10 – PSU Ag Trustee Election Process**
2 **Beaver County Pomona Grange #66**
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4 **WHEREAS**, the current process of naming delegates for each certified agricultural
5 organization in each county, and the calling of a County Caucus, as well as voting rights
6 at that Caucus has caused great confusion across the Commonwealth; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the cost of the annual election at the University escalates each year, not
8 only to the University, but for the delegates who must make the trip there for the
9 election. Therefore be it
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11 **RESOLVED**, that a process be established whereby each certified agricultural
12 organization may name an authorized representative whose name would be submitted to
13 the Trustee Office, who in turn would create a unique password to be used to cast a vote
14 on a day and time set by the Trustee Office, at the local county Extension Office. The
15 University shall prepare a presentation to include and address by the University
16 President, and the Dean of the Ag College, as well as a short introductory presentation
17 by each candidate for the position of Ag Trustee; be it further
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19 **RESOLVED**, that each certified agricultural organization shall have only one vote in each
20 county in which they are certified.
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Resolution #11 — Open Primary Lycoming County Pomona Grange #28

WHEREAS, in the Primary election only Democrats and Republicans may vote for candidates; and
WHEREAS, in an open Primary all registered voters may vote. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange supports an open ballot for Primary Election.

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Resolution #12 — Term Limits Lycoming County Pomona Grange #28

WHEREAS, some legislators spend a lifetime in office. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania State Grange is in favor of term limits of no more than twelve (12) years.

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1 **Resolution #13 – Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor’s Mansion**
 2 **Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

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 4 **WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania is the only state in the United States that pays for and
 5 maintains a mansion for the Lieutenant Governor; and
 6 **WHEREAS**, it costs the Pennsylvania taxpayers around \$1 million/year to maintain; and
 7 **WHEREAS**, Governor Tom Wolf and the Pennsylvania legislature are looking for ways to
 8 balance the 2017-2018 budget. Therefore, be it

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 10 **RESOLVED**, that Berks County Grange #43 proposes that the Pennsylvania taxpayers
 11 stop funding the Lieutenant Governor’s mansion as their private residence; and be it
 12 further

13 **RESOLVED**, that another public use be found for the residence or that it be sold.

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19 **Resolution #14 – Pennsylvania Giving Tax Money to Host Political Conventions**
 20 **Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

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 22 **WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania gave \$10 million to host the 2016 Democratic Convention in
 23 Philadelphia, PA; and

24 **WHEREAS**, any monies that were not used, should have been returned; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Governor Tom Wolf and the Pennsylvania legislature are looking for ways to
 26 balance the budget. Therefore, be it

27 **RESOLVED**, that Berks County Grange #43 suggests that Pennsylvania gives no money
 28 to host political conventions in the future.

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1 **Resolution #15 – Providing Access for Emergency Vehicles**
 2 **Harveys-Aleppo Grange #1444, Greene County**

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 4 **WHEREAS**, highway emergencies often create gridlock situations on our roads, thus
 5 complicating or preventing access by ambulances, fire trucks, and other emergency
 6 vehicles; and

7 **WHEREAS**, these situations can make it impossible for emergency personnel to safely
 8 maneuver their way to injured patients, fires, or other critical situations. Therefore be it

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 10 **RESOLVED**, that in an emergency situation on a multi-lane highway, all traffic be
 11 required to move to the nearest berm – right lane to the right berm and left lane to the
 12 left berm or median, thus creating a clear lane in the center of the highway to provide
 13 access for emergency vehicles to reach injured patients, fires, or other critical situations.
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 18 **Resolution #16 – Veterans Benefits and Services**
 19 **Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

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 21 **WHEREAS**, the managers of the Veterans Affairs office of each county in Pennsylvania
 22 are unable to access the names of military personnel retiring from the Fort Indiantown
 23 Gap military facility because of the current state law. Therefore, be it

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 25 **RESOLVED**, that the Berks County Pomona Grange #43, propose that the current PA
 26 state law be changed, so that the Veterans Affairs Office be able to directly contact
 27 retirees by mail, phone, or otherwise, to advise them of the potential services and
 28 benefits available to them; and be it further

29 **RESOLVED**, that a central database should be developed to assist the Veterans Affairs
 30 Officers.
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1 **Resolution #17 — Abide by Laws in Other Countries**
 2 **Bradford-Sullivan Pomona Grange #23**

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 4 **WHEREAS**, US citizens must abide by the laws of any country they may be in; and
 5 **WHEREAS**, people from other countries living or visiting in the US wish to force their
 6 laws and customs on our country. Therefore be it

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 8 **RESOLVED**, that any person living or visiting the United States must abide by United
 9 States laws and customs or face possible deportation.

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 15 **Resolution #18 — Requirements for Public Assistance**
 16 **Watson Grange #1068, Warren County**

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 18 **WHEREAS**, per present policy “The Grange supports laws that would require a drug
 19 screening before an applicant is approved for assistance through the Department of
 20 Human Services and that random drug screening be performed as a condition of
 21 continuing to receive such benefits”. Therefore be it

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 23 **RESOLVED**, the Pennsylvania State Grange and National Grange urge legislators to
 24 create a law requiring drug testing for new and current recipients of public assistance
 25 whether or not they have previously been convicted of drug related offenses.

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1 **Resolution #19 – Postage Stamps**
 2 **PA State Grange Executive Committee**

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 4 **WHEREAS**, the National Grange was established in 1867 as an association where
 5 farmers banded together to help each other; and
 6 **WHEREAS**, the National grange mission has grown to represent the interests of rural
 7 Americans to foster a sense of community and family values; and
 8 **WHEREAS**, the National Grange is celebrating its sesquicentennial in 2017; and
 9 **WHEREAS**, the Centennial of the National Grange was recognized by the United States
 10 Postal Service through the issuing of a commemorative stamp. Therefore be it
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 12 **RESOLVED**, that the PA State Grange urge the United States Postal Service to issue a
 13 stamp to recognize the 150th anniversary of the founding of the National Grange.
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21 **Resolution #20 – Use of Vote Cards by National Grange**
 22 **Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3**

24 **WHEREAS**, at the 2016 session of National Grange it was observed to be difficult for the
 25 presiding officer to count votes by raised hands; and
 26 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative to know the number of votes cast on each resolution.
 27 Therefore be it

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 29 **RESOLVED**, that the delegates to National Grange use color vote cards similar to those
 30 used at Pennsylvania State Grange sessions.

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1 **Resolution #21 – Real ID Resolution**
 2 **PA State Grange Executive Committee**

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 4 **RESOLVED**, The Pennsylvania State Grange urges immediate adoption by the General
 5 Assembly of legislation bringing the Commonwealth in compliance with the Federal Real
 6 ID requirements of personal identification required for airline travel, access to Federal
 7 facilities, etc. and be it further

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 9 **RESOLVED**, that this legislation include all drivers’ licenses and other forms of
 10 identification issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and that holders
 11 of Real ID-compliant identification not be required to subsidize the transition from
 12 present Pennsylvania identifications.

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 17 **Resolution #22 – Pennsylvania State Grange Session**
 18 **Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

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 20 **WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania State Grange made changes to the schedule for the 2016
 21 State Session in Shippensburg; and
 22 **WHEREAS**, it now starts on Friday and all business must be finished by Saturday; and
 23 **WHEREAS**, it seemed that there was so much going on that Officers, Delegates, and
 24 attendees didn’t have a chance to breathe; and
 25 **WHEREAS**, the previous schedule started on Saturday, Sunday allowed other activities
 26 and time for members to socialize, and business always got done on Monday. Therefore,
 27 be it

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 29 **RESOLVED**, that Berks County Grange #43 suggests that the Pennsylvania State
 30 Grange go back to the previous 2015 State Session schedule, as soon as it can be done
 31 with the next hosting region.

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1 **Resolution #23 – Admittance to Annual National Grange Sessions**
2 **Crawford County Pomona Grange #26**
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4 **WHEREAS**, there are some states who do not use the annual password; and
5 **WHEREAS**, some states use the Annual Membership Dues Cards which indicate the
6 degrees held by the individual member; and
7 **WHEREAS**, some members have paid for Lifetime Memberships, and hold a Lifetime
8 Membership Card; and
9 **WHEREAS**, when attending a National Grange Convention, members carrying the
10 Annual Membership Dues Card or the Lifetime Membership Card, the Deputy on the door
11 has been insistent on the member giving the annual password. Therefore be it
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13 **RESOLVED**, that the National Grange inform the host areas providing Deputies for
14 National Conventions that the Annual Membership Dues Card or Lifetime Membership
15 Card be accepted for admittance to the National Grange Session.
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1 **Resolution #24 – Distribution of Guide to Contests and Programs**
 2 **Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

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 4 **WHEREAS**, The Pennsylvania State Grange departments and their committees (Program
 5 Coordinator, Family Activities, Youth, Juniors, and Community Services) meets annually
 6 to review, revise and implement contests and programs for a two-year period for its
 7 membership, and

8 **WHEREAS**, the meeting usually takes place in January to formulate these contests and
 9 programs for the two-year period, and

10 **WHEREAS**, information of these contests and programs are not distributed to the
 11 membership till after February of the following year. Therefore, be it

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 13 **RESOLVED**, the Guide to Contests and Programs for the two-year period should be
 14 made available to the membership by November of each "odd" year the committee
 15 meets, and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, when a change in Directorship and committee members in a department
 17 desires to make a change to a contest or program from the distributed Guide to Contest
 18 and Programs, they should do so via communication of the web-site, newsletter, or
 19 mailing.

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 22 **Resolution #25 – Grange Buildings**
 23 **Bradford-Sullivan County Pomona Grange #23**

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 25 **WHEREAS**, the Grange is a nonprofit organization and provides services to the
 26 community; and

27 **WHEREAS**, Granges allow other nonprofit organizations and groups to use their Grange
 28 buildings; and

29 **WHEREAS**, if the Granges were exempt from paying property tax, they would have
 30 more funds to help their communities; and

31 **WHEREAS**, other counties in Pennsylvania do not charge property taxes on Grange
 32 buildings. Therefore be it

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 34 **RESOLVED**, that Grange buildings are exempt from paying real estate taxes.

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1 **Resolution #26 – Grange Buildings**
 2 **Liberty Grange #1780**

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 4 **WHEREAS**, many Granges in Pennsylvania are selling their Grange buildings because
 5 they are unable to pay the taxes; and

6 **WHEREAS**, having a Grange building helps a local Grange offer more opportunities to
 7 their community; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Granges are non-profit organizations but their buildings are not exempt
 9 from paying taxes due to a law that prohibits organizations who lobby for political
 10 reasons from being exempt. State and National Grange lobbies on behalf of
 11 local/Subordinate Granges. Therefore be it

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 13 **RESOLVED**, that Pennsylvania State Grange lobby for legislation for local/Subordinate
 14 Granges to be exempt from paying real estate taxes.
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22 **Resolution #27 – Notification of Availability of Resolutions**
 23 **Crawford County Pomona Grange #26**

24 **WHEREAS**, many people do not regularly use a computer or check the PA State Grange
 25 website; and

26 **WHEREAS**, in the past members have been notified when the resolutions were available
 27 to study prior to the annual session; and

28 **WHEREAS**, in 2016 there was no notification that the resolutions were available on the
 29 website. Therefore be it

30 **RESOLVED**, that the notification by mail or e-mail be made when the resolutions are
 31 available for the upcoming session.

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1 **Resolution #28 — Provide Current List of Advocates and Point of Contact**
2 **Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3**
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4 **WHEREAS**, approximately in 2015 it was decided to eliminate the Position of the
5 Pennsylvania State Grange Deputies and change the name to Grange Advocates. The
6 areas of responsibilities as outlined in the Bylaws are to help organize and reorganize
7 Granges, to see that duly elected Officers of Grange are properly installed and to aid in
8 the promotion of all pa Grange Programs; and

9 **WHEREAS**, these appointed Advocates were to receive training and a copy of Advocate
10 Handbook; and

11 **WHEREAS**, there are many Granges across the State of Pennsylvania that need help
12 and assistance and a third Party to negotiate possible merges and reorganizing of their
13 Grange. Some of these Granges are at the point of being below the number of Members
14 needed to retain their Charter; and

15 **WHEREAS**, many Granges in Pennsylvania have not seen a list of the current Advocates,
16 and how they are to be contacted. The only thing we have been informed of is that the
17 State Officers are also Advocates. Therefore be it

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19 **RESOLVED**, that the Pennsylvania State Grange provide to all the Subordinate Granges
20 in the State in writing an up to date list of the current Advocates and their point of
21 contact.
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1 **Resolution #29 – Honorary Members**
2 **Chester-Delaware Pomona Grange #3**
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4 **WHEREAS**, we the members of the Subordinate Grange are seeing some of our
5 members are no longer able to participate in Grange activities such as meetings,
6 contests, etc. due to physical, mental/cognitive disabilities, which through no fault of
7 their own, are confined to 24 hr. care facilities; and

8 **WHEREAS**, some of the members have 50 years plus of service laboring diligently on all
9 levels of the Grange; Subordinate, Pomona, State and National Grange. These members
10 have participated in contests, serving on committees, helping with fund raising, degree
11 work, Community Service projects and even serving as Officers, and. Therefore be it
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13 **RESOLVED**, that the Bylaws of the Pennsylvania State Grange be amended to give the
14 Subordinate Granges the authority to designate these confined members as Home Bound
15 Honorary Members; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that since these Home Bound Honorary Members, because of their
17 confinement would not be able to participate in meetings, contests and events of the
18 Grange on any level. Basically, the same rights and privileges afforded the designated E-
19 Members except the E-Members can participate in State Grange services offered on line;
20 and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Dues for the Home Bound Honorary Members be set at \$12.00 per
22 year, the same as the E-Members; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that if a time comes when these designated home bound Honorary
24 Members are no longer confined to a 24-hour care facility and can return to full
25 membership participation, the home bound Honorary membership would terminate and
26 the Member would be reinstated as a regular Member without any Vote of the
27 membership, and return to the dues of a regular Grange member.
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1 **Resolution #30 – Date of Session – October 2019**
 2 **Centre County Pomona #13**

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 4 **WHEREAS**, currently the Pennsylvania State Grange policy adopted in October 2013,
 5 Article 1.4.1 states that the Pennsylvania State Grange session shall hold regular annual
 6 meetings on the third weekend of October at such place as the delegate body may from
 7 time to time determine; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the North Central Region which is assigned to the 2019 Session is located in
 9 the area of Pennsylvania State University; and

10 **WHEREAS**, it is a football weekend, which impacts the availability of all hotel/motel
 11 rooms and convention centers and dictates rates, within the region and beyond, such
 12 region would like to request a date change; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the second weekend of October is also unavailable due to the scheduling of
 14 Parents Weekend at the Pennsylvania State University and all rooms and the conference
 15 center will be unavailable or at an extremely high rate. Therefore be it

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 17 **RESOLVED**, that the Centre County Pomona Grange #13, having the most members in
 18 the region and representing the region, is asking that the Pennsylvania State Grange be
 19 willing to make an exception to the date of Session from the third weekend of October
 20 and move the session to the fourth weekend to be held on the dates of October 25-27,
 21 2019. Therefore be it further resolved

22 **RESOLVED**, that this be for a period of one year.

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 25 **Resolution #31 – Nominations for State Grange Officers**
 26 **Watson Grange #1068, Warren County**

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 28 **WHEREAS**, in several previous elections there have been a number of unopposed
 29 candidates running for a state office; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the Nominating Committee’s job is to seek out and encourage potential
 31 candidates to run for said offices. Therefore be it

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 33 **RESOLVED**, the Nominating Committee work to obtain at least two candidates per office
 34 prior to suggestions for officers at each State Grange session.

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1 **Resolution #32 – Election of Officers**
 2 **Valley Grange #1360, York County**

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 4 **WHEREAS**, At the annual Pennsylvania State Grange convention held in October 2016,
 5 Resolution #42 - regarding the announcement of the results for election of officers was
 6 passed by the delegate body; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the action was determined by the National Grange Master to be in direct
 8 conflict with the National Grange Digest of Laws and was ruled out of order by the
 9 National Grange Master; and

10 **WHEREAS**, as stated in our by-laws, the National Grange and the Pennsylvania State
 11 Grange adheres to Robert’s Rules of Order. Therefore be it

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 13 **RESOLVED**, as stated in the By-Laws of the Pennsylvania State Grange, Article I,
 14 Section 1.1.2: This Grange shall operate under the rules and regulations of the
 15 constitution, by-laws, and code as adopted by the National Grange and published in the
 16 Digest of Laws of the National Grange. Therefore be it further

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 18 **RESOLVED**, that the Pennsylvania State Grange adhere to the By-Laws and follow
 19 Robert’s Rules of Order Article VI, Section 38 which states that the election of officers
 20 shall be reported as follows: number of votes cast, number required for election, and
 21 how many votes each person received.

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 25 **Resolution #33 – Contest and Program Guide**
 26 **Watson Grange #1068, Warren County**

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 28 **WHEREAS**, participation in Grange contest and activities is continuing to decline; and
 29 **WHEREAS**, Grangers are more likely to have free time in the winter months to complete
 30 such contest. Therefore be it

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 32 **RESOLVED**, the two year Guide to Contest and Programs be published and distributed
 33 no later than January 15th of 2019 and each odd year thereafter.

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1 **Resolution #34 – PA State Grange Session Schedule**
 2 **Crawford County Pomona Grange #26**

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 4 **WHEREAS**, the 2016 PA State Grange schedule was under many time constraints in
 5 conducting business of the State Grange; and
 6 **WHEREAS**, when resolutions requiring bylaw changes must be read and allow for 24
 7 hours before they may be acted on by the delegate body; and
 8 **WHEREAS**, Good of the Order and the budget are always the last pieces of business to
 9 be acted on; and
 10 **WHEREAS**, many of the delegates have left for home. Therefore be it

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 12 **RESOLVED**, that the official opening is at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, and concludes on
 13 Sunday at Noon with church service, Junior Degree, and installation when needed; and
 14 be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, all business requiring 24 hour action be presented following the opening of
 16 session, thus allowing time for discussion; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Sixth Degree be conferred Saturday afternoon and the All Granger
 18 Banquet be held Saturday evening.

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 21 **Resolution #35 – Length of Session**
 22 **Butler County Pomona Grange #17**

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 24 **WHEREAS**, the 2016 Pennsylvania State Grange Session was planned for only three
 25 days, resulting in time being drastically cut for Officers, Delegates, Patrons, and
 26 Committees to take care of business and also enjoy some fellowship with fellow
 27 Grangers; and

28 **WHEREAS**, by eliminating any unnecessary activities on the agenda, and adding one
 29 more day to the Session, would prove to be a valuable asset to our Session. Therefore
 30 be it

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 32 **RESOLVED**, that starting in 2018, the Pennsylvania State Grange Session run from
 33 Thursday through Sunday.

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1 **Resolution #36 – State Grange Banquets & Recognition**
 2 **Crawford County Pomona Grange #26**

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 4 **WHEREAS**, the 2016 Pennsylvania State Grange Session schedule prevented delegates
 5 and guests from participating in activities; and

6 **WHEREAS**, holding two banquets is costly to delegates and guests, as well as the Host
 7 Committee; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Family Activities, Deaf & Community Service and Lecturers awards were
 9 presented from 7:30-8:30 a.m.; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Granger of the Year and Grange Family of the Year announcements were
 11 made on Sunday when many had left for home. Therefore be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that there be only one banquet held Saturday evening, namely All Granger
 13 Banquet, and ALL awards and recognitions and Foundation Auction can be done at that
 14 time; be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that there be no outside speaker, with the possibility of only the talent Best
 16 of Show as entertainment.

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 21 **Resolution #37 – Grange Ritual**
 22 **Bradford-Sullivan County Pomona Grange #23**

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 24 **WHEREAS**, the ritual and passwords are part of Grange history; and

25 **WHEREAS**, without the ritual we are no different than any other social club. Therefore
 26 be it

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 28 **RESOLVED**, that we continue the ritual and passwords to maintain our history and
 29 uniqueness of the Grange.

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1 **Resolution #38 — Pennsylvania State Grange Awards**
 2 **Berks County Pomona Grange #43**

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 4 **WHEREAS**, awards that are won by participants are not available for distribution at the
 5 State Session; and

6 **WHEREAS**, at the 2016 State Grange Session some awards (ribbons, plaques, monies)
 7 were not present for distribution; and

8 **WHEREAS**, some of the contests require participants to have items submitted prior to a
 9 deadline date prior to the State Session so the committee chairperson has ample time
 10 for judging and the awards can be gotten. Therefore, be it

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 12 **RESOLVED**, Committee Department Chairpersons should have ribbons, plaques, and/or
 13 monies to be awarded be available during State Session to be presented to the winner(s)
 14 or a designated person on their behalf.

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 19 **Resolution #39 — Overview of Executive Committee Minutes**
 20 **Beaver County Pomona Grange #66**

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 23 **RESOLVED**, that the Overview of the minutes of the Pennsylvania State Grange
 24 Executive Committee be distributed to local Grange leaders no more than one week
 25 following approval of the minutes.

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1 **Resolution #40 — Transfer of Dormant Grange Funds to General Fund**
 2 **Valley Grange #1360, York County**

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 4 **WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania State Grange transfers **all available funds** from the
 5 Dormant Grange Fund to the General Fund annually after a Grange has been dormant for
 6 7 years; and

7 **WHEREAS**, this ever-changing amount of maturing funds causes a great variation in the
 8 amount of funds transferred into the General Fund annually; and

9 **WHEREAS**, this results in a wide spread in the resulting surplus or deficit in the
 10 Pennsylvania State Grange annual budget from year to year; and

11 **WHEREAS**, avoiding swings from tens of thousands of dollars available one year and
 12 zero dollars available another year would make it easier to maintain a reasonable budget
 13 surplus or deficit. Therefore be it

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 15 **RESOLVED**, that the Pennsylvania State Grange transfer only a portion of the surplus
 16 funds in the Dormant Grange fund each year, rather than the entire available balance;
 17 and be it further

18 **RESOLVED** that the State Grange Executive Committee determine the amount to be
 19 transferred based on the amount of maturing funds in the Dormant Grange fund in any
 20 given year.

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 26 **Resolution #41 — Two-Year Program Guides**
 27 **Beaver County Pomona Grange #66**

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 29 **RESOLVED**, that the Pennsylvania State Grange print and distribute a two-year program
 30 guide for all departments in off-election years so that there will be a continuation of
 31 program rules and contests into a new term of officers and departmental leaders.

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