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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing "Farmworker and
2 Farmer Awareness Week" and the work of Proteus, Inc.

3 *Whereas, Indiana's agribusiness industry employs over*
4 *94,000 agricultural workers across more than 53,000 farming*
5 *operations who are key partners for the safety, security, and*
6 *sustainability of Indiana's food supply;*

7 *Whereas, The labor of Indiana's farmworkers contributes*
8 *billions of dollars annually to the state's economy, and*
9 *agriculture continues to be one of the principal industries in the*
10 *state;*

11 *Whereas, Indiana honors all those who plant, cultivate,*
12 *harvest, and process our agricultural products;*

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1 *Whereas, Proteus, Inc., is an Iowa-based private, 501(c)(3)*
2 *nonprofit organization serving migrant and seasonal*
3 *farmworkers, immigrants, and others since 1979;*

4 *Whereas, In addition to offices in Iowa, Proteus, Inc., serves*
5 *a constituency in Indiana and Nebraska;*

6 *Whereas, Proteus, Inc., was created to help provide*
7 *communities with health, educational, and economic*
8 *opportunities;*

9 *Whereas, To achieve its goals, Proteus, Inc., strives to make*
10 *its programs accessible to as many members of the community*
11 *as possible; embraces diversity in staff, recipients of services,*
12 *program delivery, and in programs as a whole; develops a*
13 *culture of respect and acceptance in its organization and*
14 *general community; creates, evaluates, and maintains*
15 *programs to meet the changing needs of the community; and*
16 *treats all people in an honest, caring, and respectful manner;*
17 *and*

18 *Whereas, The agricultural industry is strong throughout*
19 *Indiana, and the strength of the industry's workers continues to*
20 *keep it great: Therefore,*

21 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
22 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

23 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
24 recognizes March 23 through March 27 as "Farmworker and
25 Farmer Awareness Week" in 2026.

26 SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives
27 recognizes: the efforts of Indiana's farmers and farmworkers,
28 and their many contributions to the agricultural industry in
29 Indiana; and Proteus, Inc., and its efforts to help bring a fair
30 wage and safe and secure working environments to all members
31 of Indiana's agricultural labor force.

32 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
33 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
34 Representative Maureen Bauer for distribution.

