

# Governor Casey Proclaims Grange Week

HARRISBURG — Join the thousands of Grangers who will come together across the nation to celebrate Grange Week, April 23-29. In recognition of the 125-year-old organization, Governor Robert P. Casey has proclaimed the week of April 23-29 Pennsylvania Grange Week.

Recently, the Governor signed a proclamation designating this week-long celebration. Prior to his signature, he said:

"The Keystone State takes pride in its rich agricultural heritage.

Over the years, the Pennsylvania State Grange has been an important part of the strong tradition, working to ensure that our agricultural legacy is preserved and promoted for future generations.

"Since the Grange was founded, its members have dedicated themselves to improving farming and rural life in the interest of all Pennsylvania.

"Pennsylvania recognizes the important services provided by this grassroots organization. Local Granges serve as hubs of com-


munity activity, and they have provided convenient forums for community and regional planning in rural communities. Members have also taken active roles in government and the legislative process. Committed to the ethic of honest labor, the Pennsylvania State Grange maintains standards of productivity and patriotism to ensure that Pennsylvania agriculture keeps growing better and that rural America remains vibrant."

The Pennsylvania State Grange will celebrate its grassroots on Monday, April 24, at the Holiday Inn, Harrisburg-Grantville. The Pennsylvania Grange Week Banquet will begin with a social hour at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Grammy nominee Ray Owen. Tickets are \$11 and can be purchased by contacting the Pennsylvania State Grange at 717/234-5001, or 800/242-9661.

The Pennsylvania State Grange is a 125-year-old family farm organization representing 42,000 farm and rural Pennsylvanians.



Governor Robert P. Casey has proclaimed the week of April 23-29 as Pennsylvania Grange Week. On hand for his proclamation were, from left, back row: Brenda Shambaugh, Grange legislative director; Mildred Ringler; Brian Schappell; and Mary R. Buffington. Front row: William H. Ringler, Grange Master; Governor Casey; and William Buffington, overseer.



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