



HOUSE BILL 539: North Carolina Farmers Appreciation Day.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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| Introduced by: | Reps. Dixon, McNeely, Bell, D. Hall | Prepared by: | Kyle Evans |
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 539 would designate the second Wednesday in November of each year as North Carolina Farmers Appreciation Day, beginning in 2024. The bill would also designate the North Carolina Grange as the lead organization for recognition of North Carolina Famers Appreciation Day and direct them to consult with various agricultural groups and develop a plan to raise awareness of and promote the first annual North Carolina Famers Appreciation Day. The Grange would be directed to report on its plan to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources no later than June 30, 2024.*

CURRENT LAW AND BACKGROUND: Several special days are currently recognized in Chapter 103 of the General Statutes, including American Family Day, Prisoner of War Day, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Fragile X Awareness Day, Lineman Awareness Day, and Wounded Heroes Day.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 would designate the second Wednesday in November of each year as North Carolina Farmers Appreciation Day, beginning in 2024.

Section 2 would also designate the North Carolina Grange as the lead organization for recognition of North Carolina Famers Appreciation Day and direct them to develop a plan to raise awareness of and promote the first annual North Carolina Famers Appreciation Day. In developing he plan, the Grange would be directed to consult with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; North Carolina Cooperative Extension, including representatives from NC State University Extension and NC A&T State University Extension; the University of Mt. Olive School of Agricultural and Biological Sciences; North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, Inc.; commodity groups and associations including the North Carolina Pork Council, the North Carolina Poultry Federation, and the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association; and any other organizations the Grange deems appropriate.

Section 3 would direct the Grange to report on its plan to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources no later than June 30, 2024.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would be effective when it becomes law.

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