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## A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming the week of October 5 through 11, 1997, as "Fire  
2 Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Smoke and poisonous gases are the leading causes of  
4 death in fires and can kill us long before the flames reach us;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Advance escape planning in all occupancies is  
7 essential to escaping a fire safely; and

8 WHEREAS, An adequate escape plan includes knowing two ways  
9 out of every room, an outdoor location where everyone will meet  
10 upon exiting and memorizing the fire department's telephone  
11 number; and

12 WHEREAS, Fire drills should be practiced regularly, at least

1 twice a year; and

2 WHEREAS, Early warning signs of fire must be taken seriously  
3 because a quick, decisive response is often what makes the  
4 difference between life and death in a fire; and

5 WHEREAS, This year's theme, "Know When to Go; React Fast to  
6 Fire!" emphasizes the importance of escape planning at home and  
7 in public settings; and

8 WHEREAS, The fire service of this Commonwealth is dedicated  
9 to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects  
10 of fire; and

11 WHEREAS, The members of the fire service are joined by other  
12 concerned citizens of this Commonwealth as well as businesses,  
13 schools, service clubs and organizations in their fire safety  
14 efforts; and

15 WHEREAS, "Fire Prevention Week" commemorates the Great  
16 Chicago Fire of 1871, which killed more than 250 persons, left  
17 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,400 buildings;  
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives proclaim the week  
20 of October 5 through 11, 1997, as "Fire Prevention Week" in  
21 Pennsylvania; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call upon the  
23 people of this Commonwealth to participate in fire prevention  
24 activities at home, work and school and to heed the message:  
25 "Know When to Go; React Fast to Fire!" as the 1997 "Fire  
26 Prevention Week" theme suggests.