
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 3, 2000

A RESOLUTION

1 Proclaiming the week of October 8 through 14, 2000, 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, "Fire Drills: The Great Escape"
6 emphasizes the importance of escape planning at home and in
7 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 8 through 14, 2000, 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 become further
25 educated on fire safety precautions which will enable them to
26 make "The Great Escape" in the event of a fire emergency.