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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2011 as "Emergency  
2 Preparedness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Each year, disaster emergencies strike communities  
4 across the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Recovery from a disaster is a collective action  
6 involving the survivors, the community, government,  
7 nongovernmental agencies and private industry; and

8 WHEREAS, Emergencies come in many forms, from natural  
9 disasters like Hurricane Agnes and Hurricane Katrina to man-made  
10 disasters such as the attacks of September 11, 2001; and

11 WHEREAS, This September 11, 2011, is the 10th anniversary of  
12 the terrorists' attacks of September 11, 2001; and

13 WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, United Airlines Flight 93

1 crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania during a heroic attempt  
2 by passengers to regain control of the hijacked flight; and

3 WHEREAS, During September 2011, the Department of Homeland  
4 Security is sponsoring National Preparedness Month to encourage  
5 Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in  
6 their homes, businesses, communities, places of worship and  
7 schools; and

8 WHEREAS, The purpose of National Preparedness Month is to  
9 raise the awareness of the necessity for emergency preparedness;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is committed to helping all of its  
12 residents, communities and businesses prepare for, respond to  
13 and recover from emergencies; and

14 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has made it a special priority to  
15 have emergency preparedness planning for those with special  
16 needs, including children, older Pennsylvanians, people with  
17 disabilities and owners of pets and livestock; and

18 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has an ongoing ReadyPA campaign to  
19 raise the awareness of its residents regarding emergencies and  
20 to help Pennsylvanians prepare for an emergency; and

21 WHEREAS, The ReadyPA Internet website is [www.readypa.org](http://www.readypa.org); and

22 WHEREAS, One goal of ReadyPA is to encourage Pennsylvanians  
23 to "Be Informed" by learning what type of emergencies may occur  
24 and what to do during the first 72 hours after an emergency  
25 strikes; and

26 WHEREAS, A second goal of ReadyPA is to encourage  
27 Pennsylvanians to "Be Prepared" by having an emergency plan and  
28 an emergency supply kit for themselves, their families and their  
29 businesses; and

30 WHEREAS, A third goal of ReadyPA is to encourage

1 Pennsylvanians to "Be Involved" by volunteering their time and  
2 services to help others prepare for, respond to and recover from  
3 emergencies, including volunteering through Citizen Corps and  
4 SERVPA ([www.serve.pa.gov](http://www.serve.pa.gov)); and

5 WHEREAS, Being prepared for emergencies has saved the lives  
6 of countless people in every kind of disaster; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED That the House of Representatives designate the  
8 month of September 2011 as "Emergency Preparedness Month" in  
9 Pennsylvania.