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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 461 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY TEPLITZ, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, GREENLEAF, STACK,  
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KASUNIC, BOSCOLA, PILEGGI, COSTA, BREWSTER, FARNESE,  
TARTAGLIONE, BAKER AND SMITH, OCTOBER 6, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Observing the week of October 5 through 11, 2014, as "Fire  
2 Prevention Week 2014" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The National Fire Protection Association announced  
4 the theme of Fire Prevention Week 2014 to be "Working Smoke  
5 Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!"; and

6 WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week occurs annually during the week  
7 in which October 9 falls, commemorating the Great Chicago Fire  
8 of 1871; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first  
10 National Fire Prevention Day proclamation; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the National Archives and Records  
12 Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention  
13 Week is the longest running public health and safety observance  
14 on record; and

15 WHEREAS, The National Fire Protection Association works in  
16 coordination with partnering companies, organizations and fire

1 departments to promote Fire Protection Week and its fire safety  
2 messages throughout North America; and

3 WHEREAS, According to statistics, having a working smoke  
4 alarm in the home cuts the risk of dying in a fire in half; and

5 WHEREAS, On average, three out of five home deaths occur in  
6 fires where there are either no smoke alarms or no working smoke  
7 alarms; and

8 WHEREAS, In one-quarter of the home fire deaths, smoke alarms  
9 were present but did not sound; and

10 WHEREAS, Nearly 3,000 people continue to die in fires each  
11 year, with most of those deaths occurring in homes; and

12 WHEREAS, The vast majority of home fire deaths are  
13 preventable, and working smoke alarms play a big role in helping  
14 to reduce those numbers; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate observe the week of October 5  
16 through 11, 2014, as "Fire Prevention Week 2014" in  
17 Pennsylvania.