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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MAY 13, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 13, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 8 through 12, 2015, as "Utility  
2 Imposter Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Law enforcement professionals report an increase in  
4 crimes of opportunity with more break-ins, muggings and street  
5 violence during the warmer months; and

6 WHEREAS, Most criminals do not like confrontation and look  
7 for convenient targets, particularly senior citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, Many criminals rob homes by brazenly posing as  
9 utility workers to gain access and distract the homeowners; and

10 WHEREAS, Imposter incidents are increasing whereby  
11 unsuspecting residents are preyed upon by unscrupulous and  
12 potentially dangerous individuals; and

13 WHEREAS, Utility companies employ field personnel who  
14 sometimes must access customers' homes to perform their jobs;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Despite outreach efforts, too many customers are

1 unaware of the illicit practice of criminals who disguise  
2 themselves as utility workers to rob homeowners; and

3 WHEREAS, Utility providers are banding together to raise  
4 public awareness about the dangers of utility worker imposters,  
5 as well as how residents can protect themselves and how to  
6 respond; and

7 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission shares  
8 the concerns of utility providers and law enforcement and  
9 supports the need for greater consumer awareness about utility  
10 worker imposters; and

11 WHEREAS, It is in the interest of public safety for the  
12 Commonwealth to join the collaborative effort of individuals,  
13 utility companies, law enforcement and community organizations  
14 to raise awareness and prevent utility imposter incidents;  
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
17 week of June 8 through 12, 2015, as "Utility Imposter Awareness  
18 Week" in Pennsylvania and support efforts to help inform and  
19 educate all Pennsylvanians about the dangers presented by  
20 utility imposters.