
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 11 through 15, 2016, as "Local
2 Government Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Local government in Pennsylvania is comprised of
4 more than 4,500 individual units with 67 counties, more than 50
5 cities, nearly 1,500 townships of the second class, nearly 100
6 townships of the first class, more than 950 boroughs, one
7 incorporated town, 500 school districts and more than 1,500
8 authorities; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 12 million Pennsylvania residents rely on
10 the services and facilities provided by local government,
11 ranging from the special purpose functions of counties, school
12 districts and municipal authorities in the areas of judicial
13 administration, social welfare, education and provision of water
14 and sewer services to the more general purpose functions of
15 cities, boroughs, towns and townships, such as maintenance of
16 roads and streets, police and fire protection and enforcement of

1 ordinances and land use controls; and

2 WHEREAS, Local government comprises thousands of hardworking
3 resident officials, many of whom serve without reward, who hold
4 local government offices; and

5 WHEREAS, Local government also comprises thousands of
6 dedicated staff members who carry out the directives of the
7 local elected officials and who are supplemented by thousands of
8 tireless volunteers who serve on various local boards and
9 commissions; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's residents rely upon the dedication of
11 their local officials in meeting many of the residents' most
12 fundamental needs in nearly all facets of daily living; and

13 WHEREAS, Local government is the backbone of our democracy
14 and the bedrock of our political system; and

15 WHEREAS, The success of our local officials is a key element
16 in the overall quality of life in this Commonwealth; and

17 WHEREAS, It is fitting that each year in Pennsylvania one
18 week is set aside as "Local Government Week"; and

19 WHEREAS, "Local Government Week" will focus attention on the
20 need for strong, independent and active local government in this
21 Commonwealth and recognize the valuable contributions made by
22 residents serving their communities; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of April 11
24 through 15, 2016, as "Local Government Week" in Pennsylvania;
25 and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Senate commend and thank the local
27 officials of this Commonwealth for their labor as the unsung
28 heroes of government.