
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 520 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY CEPHAS, DEAN, VITALI, SCHLOSSBERG, BAKER, NEILSON,
BOYLE, DAVIS, DIGIROLAMO, THOMAS, YOUNGBLOOD, BERNSTINE,
J. HARRIS, BIZZARRO, KINSEY, WARD, MILLARD, CHARLTON,
DRISCOLL, V. BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, READSHAW, LONGIETTI AND
ROZZI, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the American Red Cross' Sound the Alarm Campaign
2 from September 23 to October 15, 2017, in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, According to the American Red Cross, Sound the Alarm
4 is a national campaign that was established to provide
5 lifesaving assistance to residents in high-risk neighborhoods
6 through the installation of free smoke alarms; and

7 WHEREAS, It is estimated that American Red Cross volunteers
8 and partner organizations will install more than 100,000 free
9 smoke alarms in homes located throughout 100 communities across
10 the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, As part of its campaign, the American Red Cross will
12 provide assistance to communities by providing lifesaving
13 measures and information on preparedness in the hopes of
14 reducing the number of injuries and deaths attributed to home
15 fires; and

16 WHEREAS, According to the American Red Cross, 35,000

1 volunteers are needed to help ensure that the campaign reaches
2 its goal; and

3 WHEREAS, The organization's 2014 Home Fire Campaign is
4 credited with saving 260 lives to date through the installation
5 of nearly 942,000 smoke alarms free of charge in more than
6 11,000 towns and cities across the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, According to the American Red Cross, on average,
8 seven people die each day as a result of home fires, with the
9 majority of victims being children and the elderly; and

10 WHEREAS, Home fires cause more than \$7 billion in property
11 damage each year; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the American Red Cross, the ways in
13 which individuals can get involved in their communities to save
14 lives and raise awareness to the dangers of home fires include
15 volunteering to install free smoke alarms, raising funds to help
16 the Sound the Alarm Campaign and making a donation to support
17 the Home Fire Campaign; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
19 American Red Cross' Sound the Alarm Campaign from September 23
20 to October 15, 2017, in Pennsylvania.