

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 19, 2000

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring the week of May 14 through 20, 2000, as "Emergency
2 Medical Services Week," May 14, 2000, as "Citizen Recognition
3 and Appreciation Day" and May 20, 2000, as "Emergency Medical
4 Services Day" in Pennsylvania.

5 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth's Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
6 system has been developed to provide emergency services and care
7 to the sick and injured and to provide transportation to an
8 appropriate medical or health care facility; and

9 WHEREAS, The citizens of this Commonwealth benefit daily from
10 this EMS system and from the knowledge, skill, specialized

1 training and services of those providers who devote their lives
2 to saving the lives of others and who perform extraordinary
3 public services under sometimes stressful and often dangerous
4 and hazardous conditions; and

5 WHEREAS, Rapid access to quality and professional emergency
6 medical services and care dramatically improves the probability
7 of survival and recovery for those who experience sudden illness
8 or injury; and

9 WHEREAS, Volunteer and paid providers, including physicians,
10 nurses, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, aeromedical
11 personnel, first responders, ambulance attendants, ambulance
12 drivers, police officers, firefighters and emergency services
13 dispatchers, as well as educators and administrators who support
14 and assist emergency medical services and, in many instances,
15 the public, together combine to comprise and link the EMS
16 system; and

17 WHEREAS, In appreciation and recognition of the organized and
18 coordinated efforts of the EMS system, the professionals who
19 directly provide these services and who support and assist
20 emergency medical services, the Commonwealth should set aside a
21 week to commemorate, appreciate, recognize and support planned
22 activities in this Commonwealth; and

23 WHEREAS, "Emergency Medical Services Week" further serves to
24 inform the citizens of this Commonwealth of the availability,
25 importance and capability of the EMS system, educate the
26 citizens of this Commonwealth about injury and illness
27 prevention and what to do when confronted with a medical
28 emergency and encourage citizens to learn cardiopulmonary
29 resuscitation, plan and practice home and highway safety and
30 instruct all family members on the proper and appropriate use of

1 the EMS system; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
3 value and the accomplishments of the EMS community by
4 designating the week of May 14 through 20, 2000, as "Emergency
5 Medical Services Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare May 14,
7 2000, as "Citizen Recognition and Appreciation Day" in
8 Pennsylvania for the EMS community to acknowledge the citizens
9 of this Commonwealth who support emergency medical services in
10 their communities in this Commonwealth; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare May 20,
12 2000, as "Emergency Medical Services Day" in Pennsylvania to
13 recognize the professionals who make up the entire EMS community
14 and all of the individuals and agencies providing and supporting
15 emergency medical services in this Commonwealth.